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The Honorable Shelley Moore-Capito
172 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: S.3599 / H.R.6788 - Healthcare Workforce Resilience Act (HWRA)

Dear Senator Capito,

On behalf of the over 1,000 members of the West Virginia Academy of Family Physicians we ask for your support of Senate Bill 3599 – Healthcare Workforce Resilience Act (HWRA). West Virginia rural hospitals and community health centers have relied on the J-1 visa program over the years to provide needed physicians in areas where it was difficult to recruit.

This bill has a zero fiscal note, however, the impact in rural communities is not only life saving but has an economic multiplier. We encourage you to support this bill.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joanna Bailey, MD

President – West Virginia Academy of Family Physicians