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May 4, 2021

The Honorable Jon Ossoff
United States Senate
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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Raphael Warnock
United States Senate
B40D Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

Re: Support for the Healthcare Workforce Resilience Act, S. 1024

Dear Senators Ossoff and Warnock:

The Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) has over 8,400 physician members across all specialties and practice settings. Our mission is to “Enhance patient care and the health of the public by advancing the art and science of medicine and by representing physicians and patients in the policy making process.” To this end, MAG supports the enhancement of our Nation’s physician workforce during the COVID-19 crisis by recapturing unused immigrant visas, and is thus endorsing **S. 1024**, the “Healthcare Workforce Resilience Act” (HWRA).

HWRA would strengthen the workforce with qualified physician to help address the nation’s healthcare workforce shortage, as well as ensure that physicians practicing in the US on a temporary visa, have greater certainty to continue practicing here. International Medical Graduates (IMGs) are an important part of our U.S. health care teams and serve on medical front lines across the country. Consequently, the ability to recapture 15,000 unused employment-based physician immigrant visas would help enable our physicians in Georgia to have the support they need and our patients in Georgia to access the care they deserve during this unprecedented public health crisis.

MAG urges the Senate to pass this legislation, and thanks you for your consideration.

If you have any questions, please contact Government Relations Director, Derek Norton, at (404) 274-4210.

Thank you for your service to the citizens of Georgia.

Sincerely,

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Re: Support for recapturing unused immigrant visas to enhance physician workforce, HR. 2255

Dear Representatives Allen, Bishop, Bourdeaux, Carter, Clyde, Ferguson, Greene, Hice, Johnson, Loudermilk, McBath, Scott, A., Scott, D., and Williams:

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public by advancing the art and science of medicine and by representing physicians and patients in the policy making process.” To this end, MAG supports the enhancement of our Nation’s physician workforce during the COVID-19 crisis by recapturing unused immigrant visas, and is thus endorsing **HR. 2255**.

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