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The Honorable Dick Durbin
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The Honorable Todd Young
United States Senate 437
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The Honorable Susan M. Collins
United States Senate
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The Honorable Christopher A. Coons
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Re: Support for the S.1024 – A bill to enhance our Nation’s nurse and physician workforce during the COVID-19 crisis by recapturing unused immigrant visas.

May 7, 2021

Dear Senators Durbin, Cornyn, Leahy, Young, Collins, Coons:

As the president of the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) and on behalf of our members, I write to express our support for the *S.1024 – A bill to enhance our Nation’s nurse and physician workforce during the COVID-19 crisis by recapturing unused immigrant visas* and urge the United States Senate to quickly pass the legislation. The burden on our healthcare professionals during this difficult time is becoming more severe as they struggle to manage the influx of patients presenting with COVID-19. The field of critical care is recapturing of previously unused immigrant visas for healthcare professionals.

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Brad Schneider
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The Honorable Tom Cole
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Don Bacon
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Re: Support for the H.R.2255 – To enhance our Nation’s nurse and physician workforce during the COVID-19 crisis by recapturing unused immigration visas.

May 7, 2021

Dear Representatives Schneider, Cole, Bacon:

As the president of the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) and on behalf of our members, I write to express our support for the *H.R.2255 – To enhance our Nation’s nurse and physician workforce during the COVID-19 crisis by recapturing unused immigration visas* and urge the United States Senate to quickly pass the legislation. The burden on our healthcare professionals during this difficult time is becoming more severe as they struggle to manage the influx of patients presenting with COVID-19. The field of critical care is recapturing of previously unused immigrant visas for healthcare professionals.

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