

May 13, 2021

The Honorable Senator Deb Fischer  
454 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Fischer:

On behalf of the Great Plains Health, I write today to urge your support for S. 3599, the Healthcare Workforce Resilience Act. The Great Plains Health strongly supports this smart, effective way to expand access to care by supporting international medical graduates (IMGs), a need made more acute because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

S. 3599 would help offset a growing shortage of physicians by allowing previously unused immigrant visas to be made available for physicians for up to 90 days following the end of the declared national emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Passage of this important, bipartisan legislation could clear the way for up to 15,000 additional physicians to practice in the United States.

Foreign-trained physicians have a critical role to play in delivering high quality medical care. Even prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, many areas of the country – including both urban and rural parts of Nebraska – faced significant shortages of physicians. Studies have shown that IMGs are more likely to provide care in underserved areas and populations. Even prior to the start of the pandemic, there was significant need for additional physicians, and the demand for high quality physicians and other providers is only certain to grow in the coming months and years. Passage of legislation such as the Healthcare Workforce Resilience Act will provide critical assistance in addressing these shortages.

Great Plains Health urges your support for this important legislation to ease the shortage of physicians in underserved areas and populations. Should you or your office have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mel McNea at [mcneam@gphealth.org](mailto:mcneam@gphealth.org). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Senator Ben Sasse  
139 Russell Senate Office Building  
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502 Cannon HOB  
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The Honorable Representative Don Bacon  
1024 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Bacon:

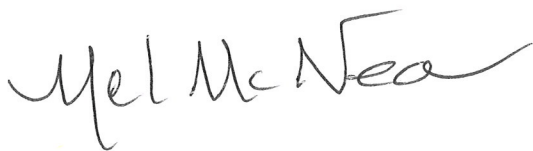
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