



MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA®

July 20, 2021

The Honorable Richard Shelby
304 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Shelby,

On behalf of the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, I am writing to request your support of S. 1024, known as the Healthcare Workforce Resilience Act. The legislation is a bipartisan proposal that will address the shortage of physicians and nurses during the nation's COVID-19 pandemic and will enhance the healthcare workforce.

Specifically, the bill authorizes the recapturing of 15,000 unused immigrant visas for physicians as well as 25,000 visas for nurses. The bill further allows for the issuing of visas for the immediate families of these physicians and nurses and not have those visas count against the 40,000 limit.

The Medical Association believes that the Healthcare Workforce Resilience Act would help ensure that the nation has enough physicians and nurses to care for the public during the COVID-19 crisis. This is particularly important to Alabama which ranks near the bottom of states with the number of primary care physicians per capita.

The Alabama healthcare workforce relies upon health professionals from other countries to provide high-quality patient care. During this pandemic, it is more critical than ever to ensure that patients have access to these providers without limitations that the current J-1, H-1B, and O-1, visa programs impose. Consequently, we believe that the passage of S. 1024 will go a long way towards solving this problem.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Aruna Arora, M.D.
President



MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA®

July 30, 2021

The Honorable Tommy Tuberville
142 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Tuberville,

On behalf of the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, I am writing to request your support of S. 1024, known as the Healthcare Workforce Resilience Act. The legislation is a bipartisan proposal that will address the shortage of physicians and nurses during the nation's COVID-19 pandemic and will enhance the healthcare workforce.

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July 30, 2021

The Honorable Jerry Carl
1330 Longworth House Office Building
Washington DC 20515

Dear Representative Carl,

On behalf of the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, I am writing to request your support of H.R. 2255, known as the Healthcare Workforce Resilience Act. The legislation is a bipartisan proposal that will address the shortage of physicians and nurses during the nation's COVID-19 pandemic and will enhance the healthcare workforce.

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The Honorable Barry Moore
1504 Longworth House Office Building
Washington DC 20515

Dear Representative Moore,

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The Honorable Mike Rogers
2469 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington DC 20515

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The Honorable Robert Aderholt
266 Cannon House Office Building
Washington DC 20515

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The Honorable Mo Brooks
2185 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington DC 20515

Dear Representative Brooks,

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The Honorable Gary Palmer
170 Cannon House Office Building
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The Honorable Terri Sewell
2201 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington DC 20515

Dear Representative Sewell,

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