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The Honorable Dick Durbin  
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The Honorable Kevin Cramer  
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Dear Senators Cramer and Durbin,


The Society of Hospital Medicine (SHM), representing the nation's hospitalists, is pleased to support The Healthcare Workforce Resilience Act. This bipartisan legislation will recapture unused employment-based visas and utilize them to help fill health care staffing shortages by expediting processing for immigrant physicians and nurses.

Hospitalists are front-line clinicians in America's acute care hospitals and focus on the general medical care of hospitalized patients. For hospitalists, ongoing staffing shortages are a result of multiple compounding factors, including burnout, high turnover, and financial pressures. Staffing shortages negatively impact our ability to care for patients and harm the entire healthcare system. While holistically addressing staffing shortages will require a multipronged approach, bolstering our workforce with highly skilled immigrant clinicians will help alleviate staffing shortages in the immediate future.

As the United States continues to face significant healthcare staffing challenges, we must utilize all available tools to expand the healthcare workforce so patients across the country have access to the healthcare they need. This legislation will ensure visas for medical workers are processed in a timely manner, alleviate some of the green card backlog for physicians and nurses, and increase the numbers of our available healthcare workforce.

SHM is pleased to offer our support for the Healthcare Workforce Resilience Act and stands ready to work towards its passage.

Sincerely,



Chad T. Whelan, MD, MHSA, SFHM  
President  
Society of Hospital Medicine