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Senator Howe and Rep. Wolgamott,

University of Minnesota Physicians (UMP) is the multi-specialty group practice for the University of Minnesota's Medical School, and has been providing expert patient care in a broad range of areas for over 20 years. On behalf of UMP I am writing you today in support of Senate File 3201/House File 3161.

Internationally trained physicians must meet a number of stringent requirements to qualify for their work and study in the United States through a J-1 visa. Additionally, they must demonstrate theoretical and practical expertise in highly specialized bodies of knowledge, equivalent to U.S. standards, in order to qualify for an H-1B visa. Allowing these H-1B visas to substitute for passage of the United State Medical Licensing Examination removes a barrier for those physicians who want to apply for the opportunity to continue providing excellent care in this country through a J-1 visa waiver.

Over the last few years we have seen the incredible value of all our health care providers. Taking this step to help retain and attract medical talent would bring great value not just to our patients but to the state as well.

Thank you for your support of SF3201/HF3161.

Respectfully submitted,



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