

March 24, 2021

Senator Charles Schumer
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Washington, D.C., 20510

Senator Robert Menendez
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Washington, D.C., 20510

Senator John Boozman
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Washington, D.C., 20510

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Senator Menendez and Senator Boozman:

On behalf of Vizient, Inc., I am pleased to offer our endorsement and support for the Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2021. This bipartisan legislation would take important steps to support the development of highly trained physicians for the future.

Vizient, Inc. is the nation's largest health care performance improvement company. Vizient provides solutions and services that improve the delivery of high-value care by aligning cost, quality and market performance for more than 50% of the nation's acute care providers, which includes 95% of the nation's academic medical centers, and more than 20% of ambulatory providers. Vizient provides expertise, analytics, and advisory services, as well as a contract portfolio that represents more than \$100 billion in annual purchasing volume, to improve patient outcomes and lower costs. Headquartered in Irving, Texas, Vizient has offices throughout the United States.

Vizient and our member hospitals appreciate the support of Congress in providing 1,000 new Medicare-supported Graduate Medical Education (GME) positions in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 – the first increase in nearly 25 years. However, additional support will continue to be needed as COVID-19 continues to challenge the health care system and the full impact of the pandemic on the medical workforce remains unclear.

Addressing the looming physician workforce shortage is of critical importance to support our nation's health care system and train the next generation of physicians for the future. Your bipartisan legislation increases the number of Medicare-supported GME medical resident training positions by 14,000 over seven years, and allocates those needed slots to address vital medical workforce needs in underrepresented communities, including rural areas, states with new medical schools, medical schools training over their GME caps and health professional shortage areas.

We are pleased to support this legislation and encourage its swift passage. Please do not hesitate to contact me at shoshana.krilow@vizientinc.com or 202-354-2607 if you have any questions about Vizient or if there is any way we can be of assistance in advancing your important legislation.

Sincerely,



Shoshana Krilow
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CC: Representative Terri Sewell
Representative John Katko
Representative Thomas Suozzi
Representative Rodney Davis

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