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To Whom it May Concern:

Please consider this document to serve as a letter of support for passage of HR 4387. Workforce is the lifeblood of healthcare, and our industry has been severely affected by the pandemic. We were facing demographic realities pointing to future workforce challenges prior to 2020, which have only been exacerbated over the last two years.

Specifically, the Primary Care Rural Training Track in Section 28 provides a pathway to train more providers in a rural setting. We know that physicians tend to practice where they train. Sustaining training programs has been difficult due to inadequate funding streams. This funding will create and launch rural clinical training opportunities to grow our primary care physician workforce and integrate health equity and population health standards into the curriculum. We see this as an important way to create and grow rural training for physicians and other health professionals.

We look forward to partnering with educational institutions and the state in building tomorrow's healthcare workforce. HR 4387 moves the entire state of Minnesota towards a future of ensuring a strong cadre of health professionals exist across rural Minnesota to care for people in every corner of the state.

I would welcome any opportunity to speak with interested parties about the workforce needs of rural Minnesota and how this legislation helps address those needs. Please feel free to reach out to me if you would like further conversation.

Thank you,



Rick Breuer
CEO / Administrator