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The Honorable Kevin Lundberg
Assistant Majority Leader
Colorado State Senate
State Capitol Building
200 East Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

Dear Senator Lundberg:

On behalf of the American Medical Association (AMA) and our physician and student members, I am writing in support of House Bill 1047, which would effectuate Colorado's participation in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (the Compact)—a newly proposed licensing option under which qualified physicians seeking to practice in multiple states would be eligible for expedited licensure in all states participating in the Compact.

The AMA supports this legislation because it streamlines the process for physicians to obtain licenses in multiple states. This expedited process will help facilitate license portability and allow physicians to practice medicine—including telemedicine—in a safe and accountable manner while protecting patients and expanding access to care. The Compact is also consistent with longstanding AMA policy in support of the state-based system of medical licensure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our input. Please contact Kristin Schleiter, JD, Senior Legislative Attorney, Advocacy Resource Center at kristin.schleiter@ama-assn.org or (312) 464-4783 with any questions. We look forward to working with you toward enactment of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James L. Madara". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James L. Madara, MD

cc: Members of the Health and Human Services Committee
Colorado Medical Society