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January 23, 2017

The Honorable Ann Rivers  
Chair  
Senate Health Care Committee  
Washington State Senate  
204 Irv Newhouse Building  
P.O. Box 40418  
Olympia, WA 98504

Re: AMA Support for Senate Bill 5221

Dear Chair Rivers:

On behalf of the American Medical Association (AMA) and our physician and student members, I am writing in support of Washington Senate Bill 5221, which would effectuate Washington's participation in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact—a 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. To date, 18 states are 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. If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Schleiter, JD, Senior Legislative Attorney, Advocacy Resource Center, at [kristin.schleiter@ama-assn.org](mailto:kristin.schleiter@ama-assn.org) or (312) 464-4783. 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 style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James L. Madara, MD

cc: Senate Health Care Committee



letter due Monday, Jan. 23.



DATE: 1-19-17

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ADDRESSED TO:

ANN RIVERS  
Chair Senate Health Care Comm  
Washington State Senate

SUBJECT: (Title and short description of document purpose.)

Washington Senate Bill 5221 - Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

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APPROVALS:

- 1) Author Kristi Schleiter
- 2) Immediate Supervisor M. Stein
- 3) SVP or Designate Richard Deem

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- EVP/CEO Jan approved for DuMedara 1/20/2017

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