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The Honorable Merv Riepe
Nebraska Legislature
Room 1402
P.O. Box 94604
Lincoln, NE 68509

Re: AMA Support for Legislative Bill 61

Dear Senator Riepe:

On behalf of the American Medical Association (AMA) and our physician and student members, I am writing in support of Nebraska Legislative Bill 61, which would effectuate Nebraska'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 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 initial "J".

James L. Madara, MD

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DATE: 1-13-17

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Merv Riepe
NE Legislature

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

AMA Support For NELB 61 - Medical Licensure Compact

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APPROVALS:

- 1) Author Kristin Schleiter
- 2) Immediate Supervisor _____
- 3) SVP or Designate Richard Deem

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COMMENTS: (Attach additional information if needed.)

When approved, please call Wendy Holmes

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 EVP/CEO Jan approved for Dr. Madara 1/17/2017

If you have any questions, please contact the Executive Offices at extensions 5049 or 4307.