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The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
United States Senate
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Dear Senator Klobuchar:

On behalf of the physician and medical student members of the American Medical Association (AMA), I am writing in support of S. 2220, a bill to provide protections for sports medicine professionals, including physicians, who provide certain medical services in a secondary state.

Currently, liability insurance carriers do not typically provide coverage outside the state where a physician is licensed to practice. This means that physicians or other sports medicine professionals traveling with sports teams may not be covered when they provide care in another state. Without coverage, professionals may be deterred from treating or providing services to their team members. To remedy this problem, your bill would deem services provided in a non-covered state to have been provided in the physician's primary state of licensure when determining applicable liability laws and the professional's liability insurance coverage. This deeming authority is only for care given to the team's athletes or staff and would not include services provided at a health care facility in a non-covered state. S. 2220 is a common sense approach that would ensure reasonable protections for these care providers and prompt access to care for team members.

We thank you for introducing S. 2220, and look forward to working with you on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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