



May 22, 2017

The Honorable Joseph Crowley  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Ryan Costello  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representatives Crowley and Costello:

On behalf of the Healthcare Leadership Council (HLC), I am writing to thank you for introducing H.R. 2267, the "Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act."

HLC is a coalition of chief executives from all disciplines within American healthcare. Our members – the nation's leading hospitals, academic health centers, health plans, pharmaceutical companies, medical device manufacturers, biotech firms, health product distributors, pharmacies, post-acute care providers, and information technology companies – are committed to advancing a consumer-centered healthcare system that values innovation, accessibility, and affordability.

As our nation's healthcare system is in the midst of great changes to expand coverage, improve outcomes, and reduce costs, we are facing a projected shortage of 105,000 physicians by 2030. This shortage could threaten the health of patients and lengthen wait times to see a physician. Your bipartisan legislation would provide Medicare funding for an additional 15,000 residency positions over the course of five years. America's medical schools and teaching hospitals have been working to address the physician shortage by providing physician and healthcare provider training and by making use of new technologies to improve better patient access to care. The federal funding for Graduate Medical Education (GME) through H.R. 2267 would provide additional support for medical schools and hospitals to address physician shortages.

Thank you again for your leadership in addressing the nation's healthcare challenges. The Healthcare Leadership Council and its member organizations fully support H.R. 2267, and we look forward to continuing to work with you on this and other issues critical to our nation's health. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Debbie Witchev at (202) 449 –3435.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mary R. Grealy".

Mary R. Grealy  
President