



March 23, 2021

The Honorable Marcus C. Evans, Jr.
Chair, House Labor and Commerce Committee
268-S Stratton Office Building
Springfield, IL 62706

Re: House Bill 580

Dear Chairman Evans:

The Alliance for Connected Care (the Alliance) is an advocacy organization dedicated to facilitating the delivery of high-quality care using connected care technology. Our members are leading health care and technology companies from across the health care spectrum, representing insurers, health systems and technology innovators, and our Advisory Board includes more than 25 patient and provider groups.

We are writing to express our support for House Bill 580. This bill amends the Nurse Practice Act to approve the Nurse Licensure Compact, which allows for the issuance of multistate licenses that allow nurses to practice in their home state and other compact states. This bill is critical because it allows for mutual recognition of state licenses between states participating in the compact.

The increase in use of telehealth during the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted its ability to fill gaps in patient access to care. During the COVID-19 public health emergency, all 50 states and the District of Columbia used emergency authority to [waive](#) some aspect(s) of state licensure requirements to facilitate patients getting care. This has provided an unprecedented opportunity for patients, providers, and policymakers to explore the impact of cross-state care. This has benefited the delivery of health care in many ways, but perhaps most notably, it has opened up many new avenues for patient choice and access to care. Now is the time to build on this momentum.

One of the biggest barriers to telehealth becoming a regular patient and provider choice is the administrative burden caused by the variation in licensure requirements from state to state. Alleviating such administrative burdens through establishing multistate compacts that have reciprocity and that do not require additional licensing will help improve patient access to quality health care.

We hope the House Labor and Commerce Committee will support House Bill 580. Thank you for your consideration, we look forward to working with you on this important effort. Please contact Tharini Sathiamoorthy at 202-262-2511 or tharini.sathiamoorthy@connectwithcare.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista Drobac".

Krista Drobac
Executive Director
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