



May 9, 2019

Senate President Karen Fann
Arizona State Senate
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Senate Bill 1096 – Health Professionals Data; Repository

Dear Senator Fann,

Vitalyst Health Foundation seeks to provide support to communities across Arizona by connecting partners and providing information that will assist in the development of a strong health workforce. To that end, we have joined with an extensive stakeholder group which includes providers, healthcare facilities, health advocacy organizations, government agencies, educational institutions, chambers of commerce and other non-profits to seek legislation. Senate Bill 1096 completes the legislative efforts begun last year with the successful passage of House Bill 2167 to create at the Department of Health Services a repository of data collected from health professional licensing boards. This repository will collate actionable information about Arizona's healthcare workforce that will empower the State to accurately plan for future workforce development.

To successfully pursue the goals of the repository, a comparatively small appropriation of \$50,000 will be necessary. This investment will enable data collection services to be administered by the Department of Health Services and provide support to begin operating the healthcare professional workforce data repository.

In partnership with the entities listed below who have signed in support of this important legislation, we encourage you to approve this investment in one of Arizona's largest industries. Doing so will help ensure that our healthcare workforce endures as a driver of Arizona's economy and is well-prepared to meet the needs of Arizonans now and in the future.

Arizona Council of Human Service Providers
Arizona Dental Association
Arizona Hemophilia Association
Arizona Nurses Association
Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association
Arizona Physical Therapy Association
Arizonans for Better Healthcare
Arizona Alliance for Community Health Centers
Arizona Chamber of Commerce
Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association
Arizona Medical Association
Arizona Physical Therapy Association
Arizona Public Health Association

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Banner Health Arizona
Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce
Health System Alliance of Arizona
Mental Health America of Arizona
National Association of Social Workers – Arizona Chapter
Phoenix Children’s Hospital
Protecting Arizona’s Family Coalition
The Arizona Academy of Family Physicians

We thank you for considering this appropriation and urge your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne Pfister". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Suzanne Pfister
President and CEO
Vitalyst Health Foundation

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