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**Testimony in Favor of
New Hampshire HB509-FN
Relative to Graduate Physicians
1/24/19**

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES, AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

Representative Lucy Weber, Chair

Representative Polly Campion, Vice Chair

107 North Main Street, Concord, New Hampshire, 03301

Dear Representative Weber, Representative Campion, and distinguished committee members,

Introduction

My name is Your Name, M.D./D.O. [Blah, blah, blah.] Please allow me to testify in favor of House Bill 509-FN by defining the problem, presenting the proposed solutions, and explaining why this legislation is the best solution.

I. The Problem.

[Blah, blah, blah. Furthermore, blah, blah.]

II. Proposed Solutions.

In August, 2014, Dr. Keith Frederick, a state representative in Missouri, successfully achieved passage of an innovative law creating an "Assistant Physician (AP)" designation for medical graduates who passed the Step 1 (Basic Sciences), Step 2 CK (Clinical Knowledge), and Step 2 CS (Clinical Skills) portions of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE). "APs" also would be required to speak English proficiently, enter into a "Collaborative Practice Agreement (CPA)" with a licensed physician, and practice as a doctor in an "underserved" area of the state based upon geography and/or income level. Due to a significant delay in implementation, 'grandfathering' legislation was passed for those who would have been eligible at the time of the signing of the law by the governor.

I pursued a job as an "Assistant Physician" for [amount of time] before acquiring one in 99/99/99. Twenty-five (25) APs were able to procure CPAs by the end of the first year. [Blah, blah, blah.] As of this

writing, the number of APs has skyrocketed 600% to one-hundred seventy-five (175)--a rousing success for medical graduates and the underserved together!

III. Why this bill is the best solution.

Dr. William Marsh, a state representative here in New Hampshire, has crafted legislation that could ameliorate some barriers and concerns experienced in Missouri. Dr. Marsh and Dr. Frederick have an acute understanding of the financial, emotional, and professional issues facing Assistant/Graduate Physicians and those who would pursue the position. [Blah, blah, blah.]

1. [Blah.]
2. [Blah.]
3. [Blah.]

Conclusion

[Blah, blah, blah.] Thank you for your time and attention to this critical issue facing the residents of New Hampshire and beyond.

Sincerely,

Your Signature