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Members of the Health, Human Services and Housing Committee:

We write today to express Mayo Clinic's strong support for SF 253, the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. This legislation will accelerate the use of telemedicine and enhance the ability of providers to leverage technology to improve access, efficiency and quality of care for patients.

Each year, patients from all 50 states are seen by Mayo Clinic physicians and staff. We are acutely aware of the barriers that exist at both the federal and state levels that inhibit the delivery of medical services through Connected Care, our term for telehealth. Coordinating medical licensure between states allows Mayo physicians to extend our knowledge and expertise, which in turn allows many patients to stay within their community for their health care.

We applaud the Committee's vision and efforts in bringing this important legislation forward. Thank you for your consideration of this legislation, which will make a significant difference in the delivery of health care. We urge its swift passage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John H. Noseworthy".

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