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As you surely know, we are facing a crisis-level shortage of qualified health care professionals.

I have reintroduced my 2022 bill (that passed the Senate but ran out of time in the House of Delegates) to allow qualified health care professionals who are immigrants to bring their expertise to Maryland. This year's bill, ([SB187](#)) would prohibit a health occupations board from denying a license, certification, or registration to an immigrant if the individual meets all educational, training, or professional requirements for licensure. Many other states (including California, Florida, Illinois, Nevada, and New Jersey) have already enacted legislation to expand occupational licensure, regardless of immigration status.

SB187 would:

- Address the crisis-level shortage of health care workers
- Create continuity for those training in state to transition to careers
- Allow someone with a work permit living out of State (or out of the country!) to be granted a Maryland license and provide care

I would appreciate your support on this important legislation. Could you testify in person, online via video, or submit a written statement? Testimony would need to be submitted on Monday.

The hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7th, at 1pm in the Senate Finance Committee.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or my Legislative Aide, Garrett Beloff, at 301-858-3134 or cheryl.kagan@senate.state.md.us.

Thanks again for your interest in this important public health bill.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Best,

Cheryl

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P.S.: The hearing is coming up on Tuesday; I'd love to hear back from you by Friday so we can be sure that your testimony is uploaded on Monday! Thanks.



By Authority: Citizens Helping Elect Cheryl Kagan (C.H.E.C.K.), Michael Frazier, Chair; Neil Burka, Treasurer.

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