

Honorable Members of the Maryland Health and Government Operations Committee,

My name is Dr. Yazezew Kiros. I am writing in favor of HB1199 “Physicians Licensing - Internationally Trained Physicians.” After completing my medical training in Ethiopia and Israel, I practiced medicine for two decades at a university hospital, where I treated thousands of patients, taught medical students, and led residency programs.

Unfortunately, due to the war in Northern Ethiopia, I was forced to flee to the United States. Although the transition was challenging, a friend provided me with a place to stay as I worked to rebuild my career. Although I am currently working as a Cardiac Monitor Technician at Bridgepoint Hospital, the position is well below my ability to contribute as a physician.

I have successfully passed all three U.S. medical licensing examinations, and now I am ready to return to the profession I love, bringing my expertise to the healthcare system where it is greatly needed.

I chose medicine to truly make a difference in someone’s life, even if it’s just giving comfort or a moment of relief. Recovering my ability to practice medicine here in the U.S. means continuing that mission and serving with the same dedication. I ask you to pass HB1199 so experienced physicians like me can return to patient care.

Sincerely,

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