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The Honorable Eduardo Garcia
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 8120
Sacramento, CA 94249-0036

Re: AB 1395 (Garcia) – Support

Dear Assemblymember Valencia:

During their meeting on March 23, 2023, the Medical Board of California (Board) adopted a Support position on AB 1395, which requires the Board to issue a license to practice medicine to qualified Mexico Pilot Program (MPP) applicants without a social security number (SSN) or individual tax identification number.

The Board recognizes the unique challenges that some MPP applicants are facing. This modest bill will provide qualified applicants an MPP license to facilitate their effort to obtain a necessary visa from the federal government and begin serving patients here in California. Subject to the requirements of the bill, these applicants would not be able to begin practicing medicine until obtaining an SSN and providing that to the Board. This bill furthers the purposes of this existing program; therefore, the Board supports AB 1395.

Please contact Aaron Bone, Chief of Legislation and Public Affairs, at (916) 274-6251 or via email at Aaron.Bone@mbc.ca.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Marc Berman, Chair, Assembly Committee on Business and Professions
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