

May 27, 2025

The Honorable Cindy Hyde-Smith
528 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Angus King
133 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Hyde-Smith and King,

On behalf of Vizient, Inc., I am pleased to again offer our endorsement for the *Save Healthcare Workers Act* (S.1600). Your important, bipartisan legislation acknowledges the alarming trend in rising violence against hospital personnel and would establish meaningful federal protections to support healthcare professionals.

Vizient, Inc., the nation's largest provider-driven healthcare performance improvement company, serves more than 65% of the nation's acute care providers, including 97% of the nation's academic medical centers, and more than 35% of the non-acute market. The Vizient contract portfolio represents \$140 billion in annual purchasing volume enabling the delivery of cost effective, high-value care. With its acquisition of Kaufman Hall in 2024, Vizient expanded its advisory services to help providers achieve financial, strategic, clinical and operational excellence. Headquartered in Irving, Texas, Vizient has offices throughout the United States.

S.1600 would provide critical protections for healthcare personnel by helping to deter acts of violence and intimidation against them while they deliver care, with further consequences if these acts are committed using a firearm. Enhanced federal penalties for individuals who assault or intimidate hospital employees or contractors in the course of their duties sends a strong signal that endangering healthcare workers carries serious consequences. In addition to enhanced penalties, Vizient is pleased that the bill would instruct the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to assess the impact of these new protections, ensuring their long-term effectiveness and a continued focus on this alarming trend.

As incidents of workplace violence against healthcare providers continue to increase, this legislation represents an important step towards creating a safer environment for healthcare professionals to continue delivering high-quality care to patients. Thank you for your leadership in introducing this bill. We are proud to offer our support for this legislation and urge its prompt passage. Please do not hesitate to contact me at shoshana.krillow@vizientinc.com or 202-354-2607 if you have any questions about Vizient or if there is any way we can be of assistance in advancing your important legislation.

Sincerely,



Shoshana Krillow
Senior Vice President, Public Policy & Government Relations

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The Honorable Madeleine Dean
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mariannette Miller-Meeks
504 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Dean and Miller-Meeks,

On behalf of Vizient, Inc., I am pleased to again offer our endorsement for the *Save Healthcare Workers Act* (H.R.3178). Your important, bipartisan legislation acknowledges the alarming trend in rising violence against hospital personnel and would establish meaningful federal protections to support healthcare professionals.

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H.R. 3178 would provide critical protections for healthcare personnel by helping to deter acts of violence and intimidation against them while they deliver care, with further consequences if these acts are committed using a firearm. Enhanced federal penalties for individuals who assault or intimidate hospital employees or contractors in the course of their duties sends a strong signal that endangering healthcare workers carries serious consequences. In addition to enhanced penalties, Vizient is especially supportive of the provisions that authorize federal grants to support hospital-based violence prevention efforts, including staff training and the deployment of additional technologies, such as video surveillance.

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