

April 19, 2023

The Honorable Larry Bucshon, M.D.
U.S. House of Representatives
2313 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Madeleine Dean
U.S. House of Representatives
150 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representatives Buchson and Dean,

On behalf of Vizient, Inc., I am pleased to offer our endorsement for H.R. 2584, the Safety from Violence for Healthcare Employees (SAVE) Act. Your important, bipartisan legislation would provide additional federal safeguards to protect healthcare workers from violence in the workplace, a problem which has been exacerbated in recent years.

Vizient is the nation's largest healthcare performance improvement company. Vizient provides solutions and services that improve the delivery of high-value care by aligning cost, quality, and market performance for more than 60% of the nation's acute care providers, which includes 97% of the nation's academic medical centers and more than 25% of ambulatory providers. Vizient provides expertise, analytics, and advisory services, as well as a contract portfolio that represents more than \$130 billion in annual purchasing volume, to improve patient outcomes and lower costs. Headquartered in Irving, Texas, Vizient has offices throughout the United States.

The SAVE Act would offer important protections to healthcare workers by helping deter violence and intimidation while they are providing care. Specifically, the bill imposes enhanced penalties on any individual who knowingly assaults or intimidates an individual employed by a hospital, or an entity contracting with a hospital or other medical facility, during the course of the performance of their duties. These penalties would be further enhanced if committed during an emergency declaration. The bill would also designate federal grants for hospitals to implement programs to reduce violence in care settings, including for training hospital personnel to prevent violence or intimidation, placement and use of hospital access control technologies, such as video surveillance, and additional coordination with state and local law enforcement.

With healthcare providers facing a growing rate of violence in the workplace, this important legislation is a crucial first step in helping provide healthcare workers with a safer environment to deliver high-quality care. We are pleased to support this legislation and encourage its swift passage.

Thank you for your leadership in introducing this bill. 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,



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