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Lori Scheidt, MBA-HCM
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Dear Lori:

The Missouri Hospital Association is pleased to recognize the collaborative efforts of the Missouri State Board of Nursing to resolve issues related to the state of Oklahoma's inclusion in the enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact for R.N.s and LPNs. MHA learned that numerous nurses who reside in Oklahoma, and work in Missouri, would not be able to continue their work because Oklahoma was not part of the original compact and was unable to meet the January 19 deadline for the new compact. Because the nurses' Missouri single state license would expire on January 19, this would have resulted in potentially large numbers of nurses, working in Missouri without a license. This would have caused hospitals to decrease services and census in order to safely care for patients.

MHA and MSBN worked together to quickly evaluate the magnitude of the situation and seek alternative solutions. The MSBN's offer to temporarily transition the license of those affected nurses to a single state license on January 19, means nurses employed in Missouri will be able to continue to work while their efforts to obtain an Oklahoma multistate license continue. Most importantly, patient care services will not be adversely impacted in the interim.

MHA greatly appreciates the long history of collaboration we have with the MSBN. We look forward to continuing our efforts to improve and promote the nursing profession.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Willson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sarah Willson
Vice President of Clinical and Regulatory Affairs

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