

# WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

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Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): \_\_\_\_\_

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How much time will your testimony require? \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

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November 11, 2020

Chairman Burke, Vice Chairman Huffman, Ranking Member Antonio and all members of the Senate Health, Human Services, and Medicaid Committee, my name is James Yep and I am the co-owner, along with my brother, of a second generation family business in Illinois; TRIUNE Health Group.

As we provide services to injured employees, their employers and claims handlers, we rely on nurses to provide these services. Since we have clients all throughout the country, our nurses are asked to work with employees in all states. Getting every nurse licensed in every state is difficult as the requirements for each state are different, the costs vary significantly, and the time involved takes our team away from working for our customers. As the number of states participating in the compact grows, it provides us the opportunity to seek more work in those states and to offer employment to nurses from those states since we do not have to seek single state licenses with the time and expense involved. Having Ohio as part of the Nurse Licensure Compact would afford us and the community of nurses in Ohio to grow.

Thank you for your consideration. TRIUNE Health Group is excited to work with the General Assembly on moving Ohio towards becoming the next state to enter the Compact. I would be happy to answer any questions the committee may have.

Sincerely,

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

James Yep  
CEO