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The Honorable Craig Blair  
Lieutenant Governor &  
President of the Senate  
Room 229M, Building 1  
State Capitol Complex  
Charleston, WV 25305

Dear Lieutenant Governor Blair:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce supports HB 2007, the Universal Recognition of Occupational Licenses Act, which passed the House of Delegates on February 18. This bill would make it easier for individuals from other states wishing to relocate or operate in West Virginia to be able to make an honest living without unnecessary licensing burdens. Several states, such as Arizona, Missouri, and Pennsylvania, among others, have passed similar legislation to remove barriers to entry for individuals relocating to their states who already possess the requisite training and certification for employment in their professions.

Removing barriers such as duplicative occupational licensing requirements will invite workers to contribute their time and talent in West Virginia by encouraging the kind of flexibility necessary to facilitate growth. By recognizing the training and certification for individuals from other states, West Virginia would take another step toward fostering an economy that benefits workers, businesses, and consumers.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce thanks you, the Senate, and the House of Delegates for leading on this issue and we look forward to passage of the Universal Recognition of Occupational Licenses Act.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Spencer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Glenn Spencer