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| The Honorable Tim Kaine  
United States Senate  
231 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510 |
| The Honorable Todd Young  
United States Senate  
185 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510 |
| The Honorable Jack Reed  
United States Senate  
728 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510 |
| The Honorable Bill Cassidy  
United States Senate  
520 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510 |

Dear Senators Kaine, Reed, Young, and Cassidy:

On behalf of the American Society of Hematology (ASH), I write to you today to voice support for the Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act and urge swift passage of this legislation. The legislation would improve mental and behavioral health and prevent burnout among health care providers, an issue of utmost importance to the ASH membership. Health care professionals have long experienced high levels of stress and burnout, and our members have shared that COVID-19 has only exacerbated the problem.

ASH joins many others in the physician community, including the American Medical Association, in supporting this important piece of legislation. As the U.S. continues to deal with the COVID-19 crisis, the time to act on this is now. ASH underscores the importance of physician health and is currently working in this space with the recent establishment of a Working Group on Well-being and Resilience. This group has raised the need for resources such as grants, evidence-based practices, and peer-support programming, all included in this legislation. ASH urges the Senate to pass the Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act by accepting the legislative changes from the House of Representatives. Given the Society’s keen interest in this matter, please let us know if we can serve as a resource as you reconsider the legislation.

Finally, and most importantly, the Society thanks Senators Kaine, Reed, Young, and Cassidy for steadfast leadership and support of this critical issue.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this important matter. If the Society can ever serve as a resource, please reach out to Katherine Stark, ASH Policy and Practice Manager, at kstark@hematology.org or 315-559-5943 (cell).

Sincerely,

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President