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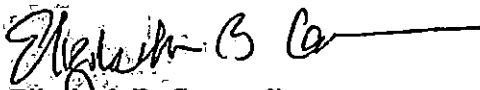
House Committee on Health, Insurance & Environment
Colorado General Assembly

Re: House Bill 18-1086

Dear Members of the Committee:

The subject of House Bill 18-1086 relates to the nursing shortage that exists in Colorado and which is worsening based on demographics. As the largest Colorado-based healthcare system, with nine hospitals and over 100 ambulatory locations, UCHealth is vitally concerned with finding ways to address the shortage. The goal of increasing Bachelor of Science undergraduate degree programs in nursing and ensuring there are faculty to teach in them should be supported but House Bill 18-1086 is not the best approach to achieve that aim. We believe that the Community Colleges and the Universities offering Bachelor of Science nursing degrees should come together and jointly propose legislative changes to solve the shortage.

Sincerely,


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