Dear Representative Vazquez,

On January 14, 2016 I wrote a letter expressing my concerns regarding HB234's prohibition of a requirement for face to face meetings between medical providers and patients prior to receiving medical care provided by telehealth technology. After learning more about the proposed legislation and visiting with other medical providers, I would like to express my support for HB 234. While I remain concerned about some aspects of the bill that potentially could negatively affect best practices, I am also aware those concerns are best address at a licensing board level.

Please file this communication as support for passage of HB234.

Respectfully,

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