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**Heller, Senators Introduce Legislation to Help Hospitals Train More Doctors**

**Washington, D.C. –** Today, U.S. Senators Dean Heller (R-NV), Bill Nelson (D-FL) and Ron Johnson (R-WI) introduced legislation that would fix a glitch in Medicare’s Graduate Medical Education rule that prevents hospitals that have previously accepted part-time medical residents from establishing their own full-time, Medicare-supported residency programs. The Advancing Medical Resident Training in Community Hospitals Act will help alleviate a growing doctor shortage here in the U.S.

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“The U.S. needs more doctors,” **said Nelson.** “This bill makes it easier for hospitals to offer full-time residency programs to train the next generation of physicians needed to meet our country’s growing demand.”

“We need to help our hospitals in Wisconsin provide better residency opportunities to train our future physicians well,” **said Johnson.** “These men and women will be the next generation of doctors – many of whom will hopefully remain in Wisconsin to serve our families and communities.”

The United States will have a shortage of 34,600 to 88,000 physicians by 2025, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges, and up to 104,900 physicians by 2030. The entire state of Nevada, especially in more rural areas, continues to have a difficult time in expanding their residency programs, and this legislation will help get more residents to rotate in their hospitals, meet the needs of patients and the community, all without penalty from Medicare.

Along with Heller, Senators Rob Portman (R-OH), Jon Tester (D-MT), and Sherrod Brown (D-OH) are original cosponsors of this legislation.

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