

## 2/11/2021

Dear Lawmaker,

On behalf of Americans for Prosperity activists across West Virginia, I urge you to support the important health care reforms in House Bill 2264. This vote may be recorded in our 2021 session legislative scorecard.

HB 2264 would empower hospitals throughout the state to supply new services, including emergency care, without going through the state's overly burdensome Certificate of Need (CON) process. This would dramatically expand access to lifesaving care to patients in need.

Governors around the country suspended CON requirements to allow hospitals to quickly add new services to care for patients with COVID-19. These swift emergency actions saved countless lives. [i] This legislation would ensure hospitals in West Virginia have this crucial flexibility to add additional services on a permanent basis.

Americans For Prosperity is a strong supporter of expanding access to high quality and affordable health care. It is for these reasons that I ask you to vote "yes" to support this legislation.

Sincerely,

Jason Huffman

West Virginia State Director

Americans for Prosperity

<sup>[</sup>i] https://www.thecentersquare.com/national/report-states-that-suspended-certificate-of-need-laws-saved-lives/article 4f2a6a38-f692-11ea-804e-030096815bb9.html