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Florida Legislature  
Tallahassee, FL  
Re: Support for Keiser University Students' Access to the EASE Grant

Dear Members of the Florida Legislature,

As a proud clinical affiliate of Keiser University, I am writing to express my strong support for the continued funding of the Effective Access to Student Education (EASE) grant for Keiser students.

The EASE grant provides critical financial assistance that enables many Keiser students—often first-generation college attendees and working adults—to pursue their education and clinical training. Our affiliation with Keiser brings these students directly into our healthcare facility, where they have a meaningful and measurable impact on our operations.

Keiser students enhance our workforce by bringing academic knowledge and hands-on training into the clinical environment. Under supervision, they contribute to patient care and administrative functions, helping alleviate workload pressures and improving service efficiency without additional staffing costs.

Moreover, our partnership with Keiser serves as a pipeline for identifying and retaining skilled, motivated professionals. The hope is that the students we host eventually join our staff as employees, significantly reducing recruitment time and strengthening our team with individuals we've already trained and mentored.

Their presence supports a culture of learning, innovation, and excellence in patient care. Students bring fresh perspectives and training on current clinical standards, which positively influence our own practices. Additionally, our role as a teaching site reinforces our commitment to community service and education.

Without the financial aid provided by the EASE grant, many of these capable and dedicated students would not be able to complete their education or participate in clinical experiences that are so vital to their development—and so valuable to us.

We respectfully urge you to preserve and fully fund the EASE grant. Doing so supports not only students, but also the healthcare systems and communities they serve.

Thank you for your commitment to Florida's future workforce and for your continued support of accessible, high-quality education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robin Johnson".

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