

**Molly J. Smiltneek** published an article, "*Foreign national doctors can help with physician shortage*", which appeared in the Friday, January 16, Editorial Section of **The Business Journal** of Milwaukee.

### **Foreign national doctors can help with physician shortage**

A physician shortage, as well as steps to recruit doctors, is a hot topic in Wisconsin, as evidenced by your Jan. 2 Business Journal articles.

Although the need for highly qualified doctors is not new, the near-crisis level of the demand requires health care systems, medical schools, communities and other stakeholders around Wisconsin to think outside the box.

One untapped resource that should not be ignored in this discussion is foreign national doctors.

There are numerous federal programs to facilitate the employment of foreign national doctors in medically underserved areas, which includes significant portions of Milwaukee and the state of Wisconsin.