

Testimony on Dietitian Licensure Compact
House Industry, Business and Labor Committee
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Senate Bill 2223

Chairman Warrey and Members of the Committee,

My name is BriAnna Wanner, a Licensed Registered Dietitian and owner of a telehealth dietetics practice called Blue Nutrition, based out of Bismarck, ND. I express my strong support for HB 2223 and to urge a *do pass* recommendation. This bill represents a significant step forward in advancing the practice of dietetics while improving access to essential nutrition care for North Dakotans.

As a Registered Dietitian delivering telehealth nutrition services, North Dakota HB 2223 presents several key benefits that would directly enhance my ability to serve clients efficiently and effectively.

1. **Greater Access to Clients Across State Lines** – This bill allows me to provide medical nutrition therapy and other essential nutrition services to clients in multiple states without the need for separate licenses. This is especially beneficial for those in rural or underserved areas who struggle to access specialized care.
2. **Reduced Licensing Costs and Administrative Burden** – Managing multiple state licenses is costly and time-consuming. With the adoption of this compact, I can maintain one license in my home state while practicing in other participating states, eliminating redundant fees, paperwork, and compliance requirements.
3. **Expanded Telehealth Opportunities** – Telehealth is a crucial component of my practice, allowing me to offer personalized nutrition care regardless of location. This bill removes regulatory barriers, making it easier to serve clients who may otherwise be restricted by state licensure limitations.
4. **Seamless Professional Mobility** – Whether I relocate, travel, or need to continue care for clients who move, this bill ensures that I can do so without delays in obtaining new state licenses. This continuity is essential for both my business operations and my clients' long-term health outcomes.
5. **Simplified Compliance with High Professional Standards** – The bill maintains strong professional accountability while streamlining continuing education and regulatory requirements across member states. This means I can stay compliant with a single set of standards rather than juggling multiple state-specific rules.

HB 2223 ultimately allows me to focus on what truly matters—delivering high-quality, evidence-based nutrition care to those who need it, without unnecessary regulatory obstacles. It provides greater freedom, financial savings, and opportunities to expand my telehealth nutrition practice while maintaining regulatory integrity. This bill is a common-sense, no risk solution to support both North Dakotans seeking medical nutrition therapy services and for the practitioners who are providing those services.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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