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Dear Mr. Gibbens, Ms. Brinkman, and Ms. Andress,

On behalf of Mayville State University, we are writing this letter to support the North Dakota Area Health Education Center (ND AHEC) Program, the Eastern and Western North Dakota Area Health Education Centers (Eastern ND AHEC, Western ND AHEC). The ND AHEC/Eastern/Western ND AHEC focuses on providing support across the health care workforce pipeline to address health care workforce shortages through distribution, diversity, supply and quality health care professionals.

Over the past few years (2010-2018), Mayville State University (MaSU) has been a strong supporter and collaborator with the ND AHEC/E AHEC by agreeing to be the Recipient to the Contractor (University of North Dakota) to assist the performance of the Eastern ND AHEC scope of work. In the fall 2012 MaSU agreed to a similar relationship for the Western ND AHEC. In addition Mayville State University has supported ND AHEC through partnering with K-12 health career fairs, establishment of the Dakota Nursing Program of the Lake Region State College, Dakota Nursing Program, on the Mayville State University campus, and collaboration with MaSU STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) curriculum. Mayville State University also supports ND AHEC by being an Eastern AHEC and Western AHEC Advisory Board member.

In closing, we would like to say that Mayville State University is pleased to continue a relationship that is beneficial to us and the North Dakota Area Health Education Program and the Eastern/Western North Dakota Area Health Education Centers. We believe this support is worthy and meets the needs of future health care students and professional providers, rural communities and quality health for North Dakota. Thank you.

Best regards,

Dr. Brian Van Horn, President Mayville State University

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