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

On behalf of the North Dakota Long Term Care Association I am 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.

The ND AHEC connect student to health careers in K-16 by investing in rural youth through education and experiential learning opportunities to inspire and grow the North Dakota workforce. The connect health profession students to communities through community based clinical experiences. They also connect communities to better health by providing opportunities for practicing health professionals in rural and underserved areas.

I support the ND Area Health Education Center and the work they have done for the rural and underserved areas of North Dakota. They work with students to get them interested in all types of health care careers.

Sincerely,



Shelly Peterson, President
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