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HOUSE BILL 1044

Dear Chairman Lee and Senate Human Services Committee Members:

My name is Sherri Miller, and I am the Executive Director of the North Dakota Nurses Association (NDNA). I am writing on behalf of NDNA in support of HB 1044, the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Compact Bill.

As part of the mission of the NDNA is to advance the nursing profession by promoting professional development of nurses and fostering high standards of nursing practice, NDNA, as well as the American Nurses Association (ANA), strongly supports full practice authority for all APRNs. We agree with the value it will provide to as described by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing. Access to care, telehealth, online education, disaster relief/public health emergencies, efficiency, flexible licensure, interstate information sharing, and flexible licensure are among the many benefits that the compact allows.

We are pleased to be supporting and collaborating with the North Dakota Board of Nursing on the compact, and feel it is important to be a united as nurses in North Dakota.

Sincerely,

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