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Dear Chairman Klein, Vice Chairman Larsen, and members of the Senate Industry, Business and Labor Committee,

My name is Kris Anderson, and I am a chiropractor in Grand Forks. I have a private practice, and I also work for Spectra Health Community Health Center, where I see patients part-time. I am testifying in my role as the ND Chiropractic Association president in support of SB 2060.

The ND State Board of Chiropractic Examiners has undertaken a significant effort to clarify the scope of practice of chiropractic in ND and simplify the explanation of the work they do to protect the public interest as it relates to the practice of chiropractic in ND. We support their approach to bring clarity and simplicity to their work, which is in addition to recent similar updates to the administrative rules.

Calling your attention to two provisions that are most relevant to our work as the voice for the profession in ND, my final comments relate to the addition of the definition of telehealth (43-06-01.5) and the addition of preparticipation physicals to the duties of chiropractors (43-06-16.2). By including the definition of telehealth, the scope now more clearly defines how chiropractors interact with patients using telehealth. Including telehealth is clarifying for the "health care provider" definitions from the "coverage of telehealth" section of the ND Century Code (26.1 - 36 - 09.15). Including preparticipation physicals is additionally clarifying because it makes it clear from the "practice of chiropractic" (43-06-01.4) that chiropractors perform "examination, evaluation, and diagnosis" that is consistent with preparticipation physicals. Chiropractors have significant didactic and clinical training in our degree programs and already contribute to similar programs such as performing DOT medical certificate physicals.

Thank you for your work to consider SB 2060. We believe it will make significant and important updates to the chiropractic scope of practice. Coupled with the recent updates and clarifications to the administrative rules, we believe SB 2060 will improve the work done by the board of examiners to represent the public interests related to the practice of chiropractic in ND.

Sincerely,

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