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Testimony in Support of SB 2288  
House Education Committee

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Chairman Heinert, Vice Chair Schreiber-Beck, and members of the House Education Committee:

My name is Sherri Miller. I am writing in support of SB 2288. I have been a registered nurse in North Dakota for 24 years, and I am also the Executive Director for the North Dakota Nurses Association.

The NDNA is the only professional organization representing all nurses in North Dakota. Part of our mission is to advance the nursing profession by promoting the professional development of nurses and to advocate on health care issues affecting nurses and the public. Right now, we are actively advocating for the nursing workforce with recruitment and retention tactics.

Nurses make up the largest group of healthcare professionals. Our state is in a dire nursing shortage due to many factors. This unprecedented shortage is a multi-faceted issue having a cascading effect on North Dakota's workforce, communities, and the economy. The Nursing Challenge Grant Bill is inclusive to all providers of nursing education and allows more efforts to support nurses in North Dakota including private universities and Career Technical Education.

If we can do this well, we can keep people in our state by growing our own nurses rather than relying so much on travelers and international nurses.

We respectfully ask you to pass SB 2288. Thank you.

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