

Testimony for support of passing SB 2187

I am a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor in a university setting. I am in support of passing the counseling compact for the State of North Dakota. In a university setting, we have students from various outside states. When these students go home, due to our licensure restriction of only treating these students while they are residing in the state of North Dakota, we must suspend clinical treatment with these students over the summer and winter breaks. At times, this lack of treatment over the summer and winter months takes a mental toll on these students, which decreases their progress in treatment and that increases the risk of them not coming back to our universities in North Dakota and increases the risk of decline in their mental and emotional wellbeing. The counseling compact would support continuous treatment for these students.

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