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Chairman Wobbema and Members of the Workforce Development

SB 2287 Nursing Loan Forgiveness

20,000 over five years.

Dear sir/Madam,

I write this letter in good faith and hope that you will receive it well. My name is Florence Azenkeng, I am in the third quarter of my nursing program. Nursing is something that I have always wanted to do since I was a child; growing up till this age, I have always wanted to help people; I love the smile and sparkle that comes on people's faces when you do something good for them. I love helping people, and that is why I saw that the best thing I could do is to be a nurse so that I can help those who cannot help themselves. All along, I have been struggling with juggling between work and school, there are times that I even had to drop from school because I could not pay my tuition, the sequence then was that I would gather some money then go back to school, this has actually happened for a long time. I currently owe more than \$40,000 student loan with very high interests, I have not currently been able to repay my student loan because of financial hardships, I really struggle to pay my tuition fees, I previously paid my fees on the last day before my exams, currently, I have not paid my tuition fees. I am trying to secure a CNA job, (Certified Nursing Assistant) so that I can be able to make some little money that will help me pay for my tuition, since I cannot qualify for financial aid, reason being I did not pay.

I would be really happy if you grant my appeal as this will not only help me focus on my school but also my family and other things around me. For instance, today I was supposed to write my exam but I did not go for the exam because I went for orientation for my new job in order to at

least get some money to pay for my tuition, for without the work I cannot pay for my tuition. I would really appreciate if you give me the opportunity to follow my career of interest and achieve my dream so that when I will be done, I will give back to the society and help someone or people who are like me and also to save the lives of those who are sick. North Dakota is my home, I got all my four children here in North Dakota, and this is where I am going to spend my life; I will surely give back to the community; I, therefore, appeal to you to give me the opportunity to continue and finish my program.

Thank you so much.