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Testimony of
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Chairman Wobbema and members of the Committee. I am Dr. Kevin Buettner, APRN Board Member and current President of the North Dakota Board of Nursing.

As the current President of the North Dakota Board of Nursing (NDBON), I am providing this testimony opposing SB 2337, which is a bill relating to services provided to occupational and professional boards and relating to occupational and professional board financial and information technology requirements.

The mission of the NDBON is to assure citizens in North Dakota quality nursing care through regulation of standards for nursing education, licensure, and practice. The NDBON, boasting an innovative regulatory track record during its 107-year history, has an integral role in healthcare delivery in our state. Our core licensing operations are supported by a highly efficient administrative support team that consists of a unique combination of professional nurses and skilled nurse licensure specialists to ensure timely and proper processing of complex license applications and manage highly confidential and complicated documents.

It is critical that the NDBON remains nimble and adaptable across our four divisions: licensure/regulation, education, compliance, and practice. I believe that the changes proposed in SB 2337 would greatly disrupt and impede nurse licensure in our state. This in turn will negatively impact the already critical nursing workforce in our state and ultimately could threaten patient safety if we are unable to keep nurses at the bedside providing healthcare for the citizens of our state. **Therefore, I am requesting that the NDBON be exempt or removed from this bill.**

Thank you for your time and attention. I appreciate the opportunity to share my significant concerns about the changes proposed in SB 2337.

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