

## Senate Workforce Development Committee Senator Mike Wobbema, Chair January 16, 2025 SB 2146

Chairman Wobbema and members of the Workforce Development Committee,

My name is Tiffany Skor and I am the manager of therapy and rehabilitation services for Sanford Health Bismarck. On behalf of Sanford Health, thank you for your consideration of SB 2146 – the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact – an important workforce opportunity.

Part of my role at Sanford is to manage outpatient occupational therapists that serve a large region including central and western North Dakota, northern South Dakota and eastern Montana. The licensure compact will improve access to the services occupational therapists provide, especially to those in rural areas. The compact allows occupational therapists to practice across state lines via telehealth and enhances mobility of occupational therapy practitioners, e.g. spouses of relocating military families.

This bill would also help ensure that patients receive the safe and competent care of occupational therapists that are licensed through compact states' licensure processes.

In closing, I encourage you to vote yes on SB 2146.

Thank you for your consideration and thank you for supporting North Dakota workforce development.

Sincerely,
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