



**Support for SB 2223
Senate Workforce Development Committee
Chairman Wobbema
February 6, 2025**

Chairman Wobbema and Members of the Senate Workforce Development Committee,

My name is Brekka Kramer, President | CEO of the Minot Area Chamber EDC (MACEDC) and Executive Committee Member of the North Dakota Military Commission. On behalf of MACEDC and our over 600 member investors, I offer testimony in favor of Senate Bill 2223 to adopt the Dietitian Licensure Compact.

MACEDC's mission is to advocate for and invest in business activity by being a collaborative partner in the community, focused on improving quality of life for all. MACEDC has five key strategic pillars, two of them being workforce development and military support. We believe that Senate Bill 2223 as proposed would have a positive impact on the workforce environment of our great state by supporting licensed dietitians, specifically military spouses, in their endeavor to continue work during their relocation.

Simplifying the licensing transition not only benefits the dietitian, but everyone in North Dakota, allowing them to provide their services and join the workforce. Improving accessibility to cross-state licensing attracts additional workers, and the lack of barriers to entry will save time and money for the dietitian as well as state administration by removing the need to file and maintain separate licenses. The improved process will also be incredibly beneficial as it not only encourages current dietitians to practice and improve the health and lives of those in the state, but it opens new opportunities for current residents and military spouses to expand their education that will follow them throughout changes in their lives.

I am a proud member of the North Dakota Military Commission, which has a vision to make North Dakota the most military friendly state in the nation. As a long-term advocate for improved licensure and career portability for military service members and their spouses, I ask for your support of Senate Bill 2223 and am available for any questions you may have.

Thank you,

Brekka Kramer
Minot Area Chamber EDC President | CEO
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