Testimony Study of Registration of Long-Term Care Professionals Long-Term Care Committee Thursday May 6, 2010 North Dakota Board of Nursing

Good afternoon, Chairman Kreidt and members of the Long-Term Care Committee.

My name is Buzz Benson RN, Board Member from Bismarck. The Board Members and staff of the Board have worked with this Work Group to complete the provisions in the study. I do commend Dr. Bartz for her diligence and persistence in completing the charge of the Work Group.

The Board has participated in the development of the steps necessary to move the UAP Registry to the ND Department of Health. We have also evaluated and compared the fiscal impact of the of the move to the current UAP Registry income and expenses as well as the structural needs and human and other resources needed to establish another registry.

This concludes my testimony. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.