



Letter of Support – SB 2270

Thursday, February 13, 2025

Chairman Wobbema and members of the Senate Workforce Development Committee,

For the record, my name is Cale Dunwoody, and I have the distinct pleasure of serving as the Vice President of Public Policy for the Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber of Commerce (FMWF Chamber). On behalf of our over 1,700 members, I respectfully offer testimony in support of Senate Bill 2270.

At the FMWF Chamber, our mission is to protect and promote business, inspire individuals, cultivate communities, and influence action. Across the nation, employers are struggling to attract and retain employees. As of November 2024, North Dakota's Labor Force Participation rate trends well above the national average at 68.9% and our state unemployment rate is among the lowest in the nation at 2.4%. Our low unemployment rate, coupled with high labor force participation rates, suggest that most individuals who are able and willing to work are already employed, amplifying the challenge for employers seeking to fill the thousands of jobs across the state.

Given these challenges, our state must work alongside the private sector to identify and create innovative and multi-pronged solutions. We believe this pathway to licensure for international physicians is one of those innovative solutions needed to address workforce shortages in the healthcare industry. Often, individuals possess the knowledge and skill sets needed to work as a physician in healthcare, but the licensure requirements can be complex and may not recognize their international education and training. This bill would recognize the education and training received globally and further establish a pathway to physician licensure, without diminishing the quality and safety of our healthcare system.

As the 69th Legislative Assembly considers this legislation, we respectfully urge the committee to give Senate Bill 2270 a DO PASS recommendation to further establish a robust workforce pipeline for careers in our healthcare industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cale Dunwoody", written in a cursive style.

Cale Dunwoody
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