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Chairman Dan Hawkins
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RE: Testimony HB 2496

Thank you, Chairman Hawkins, to this committee for the opportunity to testify as a proponent for HB 2496.

Under the eNLC, nurses are able to provide care to patients in other eNLC states without having to obtain additional licenses. Nurses with an original NLC multistate license will be grandfathered into the eNLC. New applicants residing in compact states will need to meet all uniform licensure requirements. Those who do not meet the new licensure requirements may still be eligible for a single state license.

- I. It will help out border counties who need nurses to have better access to recruitment.
- II. Extended online training is free to those to belong to the compact.
- III. This creates more opportunities and versatility for Kansas nurses through international communications for nursing education patient care.