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Senator Paul J. Utke
Chair, Health and Human Services Finance and Policy Committee
3403 Minnesota Senate Bldg.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Senator Rich Draheim
Vice Chair, Health and Human Services Finance and Policy Committee
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Senator Melissa H. Wiklund
Ranking Minority Member, Health and Human Services Finance and Policy Committee
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Re: ATA Action in Support of SF 2302

Chair Utke, Vice Chair Draheim and Ranking Minority Member Wiklund,

On behalf of ATA Action, I am writing to express strong support of *SF 2302*. The Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) has been enacted in 38 states and territories and ATA Action is pleased to see the Minnesota take an important step towards adopting the NLC and expanding access to care and telehealth services.

ATA Action, the American Telemedicine Association's affiliated trade association focused on advocacy, advances policy to ensure all individuals have permanent access to telehealth services across the care continuum. ATA Action supports the enactment of state and federal telehealth coverage and fair payment policies to secure telehealth access for all Americans, including those in rural and underserved communities. ATA Action recognizes that telehealth and virtual care have the potential to truly transform the health care delivery system – by improving patient outcomes, enhancing safety and effectiveness of care, addressing health disparities, and reducing costs – if only allowed to flourish.

The NLC allows nurses to have one multistate license, in his or her state of residency, that grants the privilege to practice in other NLC participating state, both physically and remotely using telehealth. Utilizing telehealth nursing improves continuity of care for both urban and rural patients, especially those in underserved communities who may not have access otherwise. This is particularly important to enabling and delivering efficient, 21st century nursing care across state lines using digital health technologies.

We applaud your efforts for taking action to advance this vital legislation and encourage all legislators, including members of the Health and Human Services Finance and Policy Committee to advance the NLC legislation.

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We believe the NLC not only would continue to protect patients but also would help drive better care coordination and healthcare outcomes for constituents throughout the state. If you have any questions or would like to further discuss ATA Action's perspective on this critical issue, please contact me at kzebley@ataaction.org.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kyle Zebley", is written over a light gray circular stamp.

Kyle Zebley
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