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Re: Raised Bill No. 5014

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR PROVIDERS OF CLINICAL NURSING EXPERIENCES.

February 12, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

I am in full support of the Raised Bill No. 5014, An Act Establishing a Tax Credit for Providers of Clinical Nursing Experiences. As the director of the Nurse Midwifery DNP program at Fairfield University, I can personally speak to the benefits that a tax credit will have on the nursing and midwifery profession.

Providers of clinical nursing experiences are often called preceptors. Precepting students for clinical experiences is integral to educating the next generation of midwives and nurses. As you know, there is a shortage of nurses and a call to educate more to care for our aging United States population. Further, nurse midwives provide evidence based care that results in healthy maternal and infant outcomes. Midwifery care has been shown to reduce the rates of cesarean birth. Educating more midwives will help to continue to work at reducing the rates of cesarean birth, but requires providers of clinical nursing experience to be available and willing to precept. It is imperative the state look at the long-term benefit of providing this tax credit so that the future cohort of nurses and midwives can be educated in the clinical settings by providers in a way that validates the time and energy of the provider.

Sincerely,

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