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TESTIMONY CONCERNING SB 93 – MUTUAL RECOGNITION FOR NURSING LICENSES Presented by the Nevada Rural Hospital Partners Foundation to the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee

March 12, 2003

Mr. Chairman, and members of the committee:

My name is Robin Keith. I am President of the Nevada Rural Hospital Partners Foundation. I have a very brief statement in support of SB 93.

The facts concerning the severity of the need for nurses in Nevada have been well established. The facts concerning the content of the bill have been explained.

Passage of the bill is a straightforward step that will help us deal with the problem. Failure to open any door that adds to our supply of nurses is a failure to solve a problem for those seniors, children, uninsured, and all others who are in need of care.

The mutual recognition pact maintains state-based authority for licensure, practice standards and discipline and it holds the potential for enhancing the quality of care by increasing the number of nurses practicing in our state.

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