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The Nursing Institute of Nevada

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A division of the Nevada Hospital Association

Mission: To ensure adequate nursing resources to meet the growing health care needs in the State of Nevada.

Vision: To foster partnerships between the nursing profession, health care communities, governmental agencies, and educational institutions that builds on each other's strengths and develops their roles as change agents for improving the overall health of Nevada.

MEMBERS:

March 11, 2003

Diane Allen, RN

Good morning Chairman and Members of the committee. For the record, my name is Doreen Begley, Nurse Executive for the Nevada Hospital Association, and founding Chairperson for the Nursing Institute of Nevada.

Doreen Begley, RN

Lisa Black, RN

The members of the Nursing Institute of Nevada (NIN), and the Nevada Hospital Association, strongly support the passage of SB93; a bill that will allow the Nevada State Board of Nursing (NSBN) to enter into a Nursing Interstate Compact. NIN has been working for the past three years to identify any barriers to nursing practice within our state. Passage of this bill will facilitate the ease of transition from working in one compact state into another.

Verita Black-Prothro

Jan Brethauer, RN

Fran Brown, RN

Norma Brown, RN

Christy Cuedry

The majority of states that surround Nevada; Idaho, Utah, and Arizona have already adopted this process, and New Mexico is in the process of applying to become a Compact state. Becoming a member of the Nursing Interstate Compact will allow the NSBN the ability to simplify our nursing license process, increase access to practice nursing in our state, and insure public safety by participating in a nationally accepted set of criteria for practice.

Julie Johnson, RN

Laurie Luongo

John Packham, PhD

Carol Peace, RN

In 2002, Debra Scott, the Executive Director of the NSBN, and myself traveled to 27 of Nevada's health care facilities and spoke about this specific issue with over 450 nurses; all contributing factors were discussed face to face with Nevada's working nurses. While there was extreme interest for this new concept, during these conversations no overt opposition to it was expressed by nurses throughout our state regarding its implementation.

Karla Perez

Valerie Rosalin, RN

Michelle Nichols, RN

Debra Scott, RN

The members of the Nursing Institute of Nevada and the Nevada Hospital Association are in total support of SB93 and urge your passage of this very important piece of legislation. I thank you for your time and attention. I am available to answer any questions.

Sandy Rush, RN

Pamela Rutherford

Ron Sparks

Bill Welch

Respectfully,

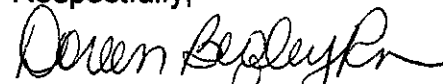

Doreen Begley, MS, RN

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