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The Honorable Sandra M. Pihos
Illinois State Representative
225-N Stratton Building
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Dear Representative Pihos:

On behalf of Care Continuum Alliance and our more than 200 corporate and individual members, I write to express support for the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) and thank you for your sponsorship of HB-150. We encourage state level efforts to enact legislation providing for participation in the NLC.

Care Continuum Alliance members provide services across the continuum of care, from wellness and prevention to chronic care and complex case management. Care Continuum Alliance members include wellness and population health management organizations, health plans, physician groups, hospitals, labor unions, employer organizations, pharmaceutical manufacturers, pharmacy benefit managers, HIT service and device suppliers, academicians and others. These diverse organizations share the vision of aligning all stakeholders toward improving the health of populations. Our members improve health care quality and contain health care costs by providing targeted interventions and services to the well and those at-risk for or already managing one or more chronic conditions. Through advocacy, research and promotion of best practices, the Care Continuum Alliance advances evidence-based strategies to improve quality and health outcomes and create efficiency in the marketplace.

Care Continuum Alliance members recognize the importance of the NLC to increase access to safe nursing care by simplifying governmental processes and removing regulatory barriers. In today's evolving health care environment of innovative, collaborative practice models and new technology, it is critical that nurses be able to comply with licensure laws that cross state lines. The increased mobility of the nursing workforce further underscores the need for licensure reciprocity laws.

The Care Continuum Alliance and its members are pleased to support your efforts for Illinois to adopt the Nurse Licensure Compact. Please let me know how our members can be of additional assistance in this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracey Moorhead".

Tracey Moorhead
President and CEO