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The Honorable Jerry Klein
Chairman
North Dakota State Senate Industry, Business, and Labor Committee
P.O. Box 265
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Dear Chairman Klein:

The American Osteopathic Association (AOA) is writing to encourage you to support SB 2235. This bill enacts the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (Compact). The AOA believes that joining the Compact would ease administrative burdens for physicians interested in holding a license to practice medicine in multiple states, while allowing states to maintain control over medical licensure, discipline and patent protection.

The AOA represents nearly 130,000 osteopathic physicians (DOs) and osteopathic medical students, promotes public health, encourages scientific research, serves as the primary certifying body for DOs and is the accrediting agency for osteopathic medical schools. More information on DOs/osteopathic medicine can be found at www.osteopathic.org.

The benefits of the Compact:

- **It allows states to continue to oversee medical regulation and the discipline of physicians.** It also encourages states to work together to **ease the burdens of holding a license to practice medicine in multiple states.**
- **Physician interest in holding licenses in multiple states has grown with the increasing use of telemedicine nationally, and the Compact will promote appropriate licensure for physicians using this technology** to treat patients across state lines.

The AOA urges you to support SB 2235. Should you need any additional information, please feel free to contact Nick Schilligo, MS, Associate Vice President, State Government Affairs at nschilligo@osteopathic.org or (800) 621-1773, ext. 8185.

Sincerely,

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