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RE: SUPPORT FOR -Licensed Professional Counselors Interstate Compact

Dear Members of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee:

We want to thank you for taking our written statement of support for the Licensed Professional Counselors Interstate Compact (“Counseling Compact”). We are the Counselor Education Program at MidAmerica Nazarene University, representing the training of hundreds of counselors over the years in Kansas. Much like the existing licensure compacts for nurses, physical therapists, physicians, psychologists, and EMS personnel, the Counseling compact will increase licensure portability for practitioners while at the same time allowing state regulatory boards to better protect consumers through enhanced sharing of licensure information.

In addition, the Compact will ensure continuity of care when clients or counselors have to relocate. It will increase the number of practitioners available for clients and will also open up areas of expertise from clinicians in different states that might not be available locally.

The Compact preserves each state’s authority to regulate the profession as counselors utilizing the Compact will abide by the laws and rules of the state in which their clients reside. This. Includes adhering to the state’s scope of practice.

We strongly urge you to support this Compact as a way of further enhancing and supporting the quality and accessibility of services for clients in Kansas.

Sincerely,



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