[MONTH, DAY], 2025

The Honorable Esmeralda Soria

California State Assembly

1021 O St, Suite 4110

Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1400 (Soria): California Community College Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing Pilot – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblywoman Soria:

On behalf of the [ORGANIZATION], I write in support of your legislation, Assembly Bill 1400 (AB 1400). California’s unprecedented nursing shortage in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic is a crisis that affects all Californians, but especially rural regions like the San Joaquin Valley. This bill represents the crucial first steps towards meeting California’s nursing workforce needs.

California’s current healthcare workforce development pathways are not equipped to handle the growing nursing needs of the state, especially in disadvantaged communities in more rural parts of the state. While California’s Community College system does offer associate degrees in nursing, the needs of the healthcare workforce more frequently demand a bachelor’s degree. This level of degree is exclusive in California to private institutions that are prohibitively expensive or the UC and CSU systems, which have limited capacity and have difficulty serving areas of the state with the highest need.

AB 1400 would address this issue by directing the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to establish a pilot program to allow up to 15 community college districts to offer a Bachelor of Science in nursing degree. This will expand the access and affordability of these degrees and demonstrate how these offerings might be expanded further to additional community college campuses.

For these reasons, [ORGANIZATION] is pleased to support AB 1400. Thank you for your authorship.

Sincerely,

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