

I would like to provide written testimony for SB 754. for the rural tax credit for nurse educators. The provisions of this bill are laudable and I express my gratitude to Sen. Roblan for his strong support of nurse educators. I would ask that this bill be amended to remove the word "rural" and be available to all academic nurse educators. There is a state nursing educator shortage. Both rural and urban nursing schools are decreasing enrollment because of a shortage of faculty. Both urban and rural nurse educators are paid less than what they would be paid in a clinical practice setting. It is imperative that we take a state-wide approach to resolve this disparity to be able to educate nurses throughout the state.

Thank you, Joanne Noone, PhD, RN, FAAN