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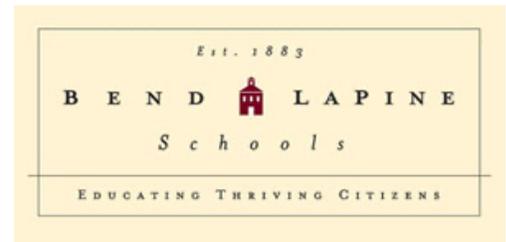
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Subject: Written Testimony in Support of HB 2948

**Chair Nosse, Vice-Chairs Javadi and Nelson, and all Members of the Committee:**

I am writing to express my strong support of HB 2948. **HB 2948 will ensure that only a registered nurse may supervise another nurse in the school health setting as related to the practice of nursing**, which includes: supervision, evaluation and assignment responsibilities.

Nursing is a crucial and multifaceted profession that plays a central role in providing safe and effective care to students in our school communities. With over 28 years of experience as a registered nurse, including the past 10 years as a school health supervisor, I ensure that the care our nurses deliver to students adheres to evidence-based practices and complies with legal and ethical standards.

In school health, student health and well-being are of utmost importance, and the practice of nursing is critical to ensuring safe, effective care. With the advancement in health care practices, students are now attending school with more acute, complex healthcare needs that will require specialized support from a registered nurse health care professional. The scope of nursing practice as defined by state and national nursing boards requires that registered nurses be directly accountable for their clinical judgments, interventions, and nursing processes. For the safety and

success of our school communities, supervisory responsibilities of a registered nurse should align with the professional standards set forth from state and national nursing boards to maintain the integrity and quality of care provided.

In conclusion, school administrators do not possess the specialized knowledge or decision-making skills of a registered nurse, which means they are not fully equipped to manage health conditions safely and effectively. **HB 2948 will establish essential protections for both students and nurses in the school environment by ensuring that clinical nursing practices are supervised by individuals with the proper training and expertise.**

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Respectfully,

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