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The Honorable Steve Huffman  
Ohio Senate  
Chairman, Ohio Senate Health, Human Services and Medicaid Committee  
VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

**Re: SB 3 (Roegner) Nurse Compact**

Dear Chairman Huffman,

On behalf of Nationwide, please support passage of SB 3, which enters Ohio as a party to the Nurse Licensure Compact. Founded in 1926, Nationwide is headquartered in Columbus, Ohio and is proud to provide thousands of jobs in the state and 1.25 million policies to Ohio residents, including being the number one writer of farms and ranches and small businesses. Our mission is simple, we exist to protect people, businesses and futures with extraordinary care.

The Nurse Licensure Compact allows a nurse to practice across states that have joined the Compact under a multistate license issued by the nurse's home state. Currently thirty-four states have already enacted the Nurse Licensure Compact. Additionally, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Guam and now Ohio all have legislation pending; bringing the total to forty states and one territory that have either implemented or are currently considering such legislation.

SB 3 would benefit employers and individuals alike. For organizations that employ in-house nurses and have a multi-state footprint, it would help reduce costs associated with licensing. For nurses, the compact also saves important time and money that otherwise would be spent obtaining state-by-state licenses. Additionally, this legislation expands economic opportunity for Ohio's nurses as well as enables nurses from other states to serve in Ohio. As Sen. Roegner noted during her sponsor testimony, a lack of occupational licensure reciprocity is a barrier for individuals seeking to move across state lines. Researchers at the University of Minnesota found that the interstate migration rate for individuals in occupations with state-specific licensing exam requirements is 36% lower relative to those in non-licensed occupations. This legislation will help Nationwide recruit nurses, both in Ohio and at our other main hubs throughout the country. Ultimately, increasing care and access for our Ohio associates and those associates in other states.

As a company that exists to protect people, businesses and futures with extraordinary care, Nationwide strongly supports and urges the Ohio General Assembly to pass this legislation. SB 3 will not only create a more business friendly state by reducing unnecessary licensure restrictions but will enable nurses to pursue their career here in Ohio and across state lines, providing economic mobility.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Ohio Senate Health, Human Services and Medicaid Committee  
Senator Roegner