November 10, 2016

The Honorable Charles Schwertner Texas Senate P.O. Box 12068-Capitol Station Austin, TX 78711

The Honorable Larry Gonzales Texas House of Representatives P.O. Box 2910 Austin, TX 78768

Dear Senator Schwertner and Representative Gonzales,

I chose Excelsior College School of Nursing over a traditional school of nursing because it gave me the flexibility in scheduling my personal and professional life. I am 44 years old, have a family to take care of, and work full time. In addition, I have a part time nursing job as a Licensed Vocational Nurse.

I enrolled on 2/12/2014 and feel with this program I have gained the knowledge and skills to provide evidenced based nursing to patients because I am able to bring what I have learned to my professional life. Excelsior College School of Nursing and all of the faculty demand excellence from their students as evidenced by the rigorous testing as well as the Clinical Performance in Nursing Examination, which is why this is an excellent program.

I am proud to be a part of the Excelsior College School of Nursing program because you have to work for your degree - they do not just let everyone through. You have to know your critical thinking skills as well as procedural skills. Achievement of my professional nursing degree will help me in my personal life to better take care of my family and to be able to spend more time with them.

As your constituent, hope I can count on your support to ensure that when I graduate and pass the NCLEX, I will be able to be licensed as a RN in Texas.

Best regards,

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c: Sunset Commissioners