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Mr. Chairman and Members, my name is Claudia Sanchez. After graduating from Austin Community College as an LVN, I immediately found employment but also wanted to continue my education. My instructors at ACC all shared in the same goal for us, to continue our education and not stop at the LVN level. They advised us to use the knowledge gained as a foundation. I always had the intention and the desire to become a registered nurse but time and money have always been an issue. I chose to continue my education by attending the online LVN to RN program offered at Excelsior College as it is affordable and convenient.

I learned about Excelsior College during a seminar the head LVN instructor at ACC arranged for us. She was adamant about us furthering our education and pursuing our Associates Degree. This was also a reason I chose Excelsior, of all the online programs available - Excelsior was given to us by name. The cost at Excelsior College is affordable and within my budget. Leaving my fulltime job that I love to attend a traditional nursing program fulltime is not realistic and would be financially disastrous for my family.

Online programs are not for everyone. It takes a certain individual to be motivated to follow the modules, read, research, watch videos and to search libraries for peer reviewed journals. I know I am gaining the knowledge and skills I need. I have the desire and the aspiration to become a knowledgeable and skilled registered nurse. Along with the skills I gained as an LVN and all the resources available to me through Excelsior, I know that I can become a proficient and confident registered nurse.

Whether I attend an online program or a traditional program that requires classroom hours, I as an individual must be motivated and inspired to want to learn. I appreciate having the option to choose how to achieve my educational goals and I know my family does too.

I thank you for your time and hope that when I graduate from Excelsior College and pass the NCLEX exam, I will be recognized for licensure as a registered nurse in Texas.