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Dear California Board of Registered Nursing,

I am writing to express my unequivocal and enthusiastic support for Chamberlain University's proposal to establish a new campus in California and intend to be present at the California Board of Nursing Education Committee meeting on May 13, 2026, to formally express my support. As a healthcare leader in San Bernadino, I witness daily the profound and urgent need for additional, well-prepared BSN-prepared nurses who are capable of meeting the complex needs of our state's diverse communities.

California's nursing shortage is not a distant concept, it is a lived reality within our hospitals, clinics, and community settings. The strain on the workforce directly impacts access to care, staff well-being, and patient outcomes. For these reasons, expanding educational capacity is not simply beneficial; it is essential. Chamberlain University's proposal represents a critically important and timely opportunity to help address this statewide challenge.

### **Addressing California's Nursing Workforce Needs**

A Chamberlain University campus in California would significantly advance the state's ability to develop and sustain a strong nursing workforce by:

1. **Meaningfully Increasing the Supply of Qualified Nurses:** Chamberlain's high-quality, accessible BSN program will produce practice-ready graduates equipped to meet workforce needs immediately upon entry into practice.
2. **Expanding and Diversifying the Nursing Workforce:** California's communities deserve nurses who reflect their cultural, linguistic, and lived experiences. Chamberlain's model opens doors for students across varied backgrounds, strengthening diversity and equity within the profession.
3. **Developing Enduring Local Talent Pipelines:** Educating students within their own communities greatly increases the likelihood that they will remain and serve locally—helping stabilize the workforce and address persistent regional shortages.

### **Supporting Community Health and the Future of Nursing**

Chamberlain University's commitment to academic rigor, student success, and community partnership aligns with California's goals for excellence in nursing education. The new campus will:

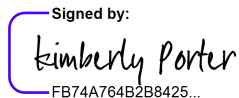
1. **Cultivate Future Nursing Leaders:** Graduates will be prepared to advance into leadership roles essential for navigating today's rapidly evolving healthcare environment.

2. **Improve Community Health Outcomes:** Nurses trained within California's communities are uniquely positioned to help reduce disparities and promote equitable care delivery.
3. **Foster Lifelong Professional Growth:** Chamberlain's emphasis on continued learning ensures graduates remain adaptable, competent, and prepared for emerging healthcare challenges.

I offer my full and emphatic support for Chamberlain University's establishment of a California campus. Expanding BSN education capacity is a critical step toward ensuring that our healthcare system can meet the needs of our population now and in the years ahead. Chamberlain's presence in California will contribute meaningfully to strengthening the nursing workforce and supporting high-quality care for all residents.

Thank you for your consideration of this important initiative. Please feel free to contact me should you need additional information or support.

Sincerely,

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