



July 9, 2020

Senator Steven Glazer and Senator Ling Ling Chang
Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee
State Capitol, Room 2053
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 2549 (Salas) – Temporary Licenses

Dear Chair Glazer and Vice Chair Chang,

On behalf of the North San Diego Business Chamber I am writing in support of AB 2549.

The North San Diego Business Chamber (NSDBC) serves as a recognized and respected advisor, partner, and advocate for the military, their families, and veterans across San Diego County. The NSDBC works closely with business leaders and elected officials on legislation and issues that impact the military community in San Diego and California as a whole.

Licensure impediments including cost challenges and long waiting periods are significant issues for our veteran and military partners and spouses. The Department of Defense reports that 68% of married service members reported that their spouse's ability to maintain a career is impacting their decision to continue to serve our nation.

As our military families move into California the ability for the spouse to continue work is key to affording to live in our state. Licensing challenges are a top contributor to military spouse unemployment and under-employment, and the nonprofit Blue Star Families' recent survey found military spouse employment is the top concern among military spouses.

AB 2549 would make it significantly easier for veteran and military partners and spouses to transition into California while also helping fill critical jobs in licensed professions.

For these reasons, we support the AB 2549. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Debra Rosen
President & CEO