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Senator Bob Archuleta and Senator Shannon Grove
Senate Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
State Capitol, Room 2053
Sacramento, CA 95814

July 12, 2021

Re: AB 107 (Salas)– Veteran and Military Spouse Temporary Licenses

Dear Chair Archuleta and Vice Chair Grove,

On behalf of the North San Diego Business Chamber, I am writing in support of AB 107.

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.

The Department of Defense has identified "enhanced military spouse licensure portability" as a key issue in their 2021 list of efforts in support of military service members and their families. It is vital to our military families and the economic prosperity of our state that we remove obstacles that prevent military spouses from finding employment in California following a military move. The "quality of life" for military families is of such importance to DoD that they have established grading criteria to evaluate the states, and they have written to the Governors that this grading will be a factor in basing decisions. California currently is rated near the bottom in the area of spouse employment as seen on both Department of Defense and Department of Labor websites. The good news is that the Defense State Liaison reports that passage of AB-107 will push California into the "green" category. This is positive for California and our military spouses.

The Department of Defense reports that 35% of military spouses work in areas requiring state licensing, including teachers, nurses, and accountants. The processing of applying for a new state license can be lengthy and expensive and this proposed legislation would ease the financial impact on military families relocating to California under military orders.

For these reasons, we support the AB 107. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Respectfully,



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President & CEO