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Pete Ricketts, Governor

January 17, 2019

Senator Sara Howard  
District #9 State Capitol  
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RE: LB 205

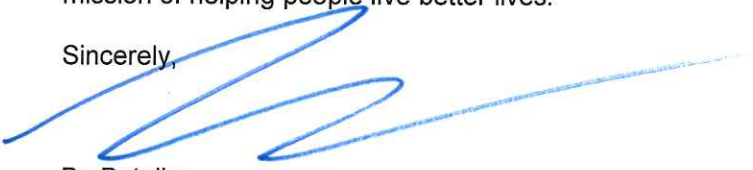
Chairman Howard and Members of the Health and Human Services Committee:

The Department has reviewed LB 205 and wishes to draw your attention to the credentialing review that was conducted regarding Surgical Technologists seeking licensure in the state of Nebraska. As a result of the review, the Technical Review Committee recommended approval of the applicant's proposal to license Surgical Technologists, but the Board of Health did not approve of licensing Surgical Technologists. However, the Board did recommend registration of Surgical Technologists. The Chief Executive Officer of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services also disagreed with licensing Surgical Technologists, but agreed with the Board that registration of Surgical Technologists is necessary to provide the public assurance that these professionals are adequately trained and educated.

I would like to thank Senator Kolterman for working with us and agreeing to address a few technical items with the bill.

I greatly appreciate the opportunity to share the above and look forward to working with you in continuing our mission of helping people live better lives.

Sincerely,

  
Bo Botelho  
Interim Chief Executive Officer  
Department of Health and Human Services

cc: Senator Kolterman  
Members of the Health and Human Services Committee