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From: Michael Royster, MD, MPH, Director, Office of Minority Health & Health Equity, Virginia Department of Health

Subject: Virginia Department of Health Review of Department of Planning and Budget's Economic Impact Analysis

RE: 12 VAC5-545 Guidelines for the Nurse Educator Scholarship

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The proposed regulations establish the nursing educator scholarship program consistent with current Virginia statutes and practice. This program and its regulations will allow students enrolled in masters or doctoral degree nursing programs to receive scholarships in exchange for a period of faculty service in nursing education in Virginia. Placing the requirements of the Nurse Educator Scholarship Program in regulation is necessary in order to implement the program and provide appropriate guidelines for potential scholarship candidates.

VDH concurs with the conclusion reached by the Department of Planning and Budget's Economic Impact Analysis that the benefits for the proposed regulations will exceed the costs for the proposed changes.