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Dear Chairman Kary,

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify Montana Nurses Association's (MNA's) testimony regarding your question about our nurse members' opposition to SB 89 and which section or part of the First Amendment that MNA members feel is being violated. I have copied the entire First Amendment below and would point out the part of the Amendment that states: "the right of the people peaceably to assemble". Professional nurses have freely assembled in Montana since 1967, with the passage of the "Blue Eyed Nurses" bill.

First Amendment from the Constitution of the United States of America

The first 10 Amendments were ratified December 15, 1791, and form what is known as the "Bill of Rights".

Amendment I. Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Thank you in advance and MNA urges a no vote on SB 89.

Sincerely,

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