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### **Nursing Education Council of British Columbia Supports ARNBC**

The Nursing Education Council of British Columbia (NECBC) strongly supports the Association of Registered Nurses of British Columbia (ARNBC) – as the provincial professional association for nursing – as it faces the legal challenges with which it has been confronted. We stand in support of a unified collaboration among nursing associations in seeking ways of resolving differences of perspective that do not involve litigation. We implore BCNU to consider alternative avenues to settle the concerns they may have with respect to organizational mandate and scope, and demonstrate leadership on this matter, in the interests of both the profession and its members.

ARNBC is a constructive, efficient, and engaged representative for RNs and NPs in the province, articulating a distinctive nursing perspective on matters of health and public policy, including not only the wisdom of front line practitioners but also those in the practice specialization, education, research and leadership sectors. In this capacity, ARNBC is capable of encompassing a broad professional nursing perspective toward optimizing nursing's engagement in the health care context to the benefit of nurses and the citizens of the province. It also serves as the mechanism whereby BC nurses can have full voice in national professional policy processes.

NECBC considers the legal cases BCNU has mounted against ARNBC as divisive and detrimental to the important work we all share – that of advancing health and the nursing profession in British Columbia. We see key distinctive and collaborative roles for each of the nursing organizational partners -- professional associations, regulators, and bargaining units - working as an integrated system to strengthening nursing for improved health and health care for this province.

We therefore stand in full support of ARNBC and look for a resolution that will allow each of our groups to continue the important work of our profession.

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