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Jim Pillen, Governor

October 15, 2024

The Honorable Ben Hansen  
Health and Human Services Committee  
Nebraska Legislature  
P.O. Box 94604  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Chairman Hansen:

This letter is to address the question of how Peer Support Specialist licenses are regulated in other states.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) provides national standard recommendations and can be found at <https://store.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/pep23-10-01-001.pdf>.

The Peer Recovery Center of Excellence compiled a Comparative Analysis of State Requirements for Peer Support Specialist Training and Certification in the United States, that report can be found at <https://peerrecoverynow.org/wp-content/uploads/2023-FEB-07-prcoe-comp-analysis.pdf>

Additional data on state by state information can be found at <https://copelandcenter.com/doors-wellbeing/peer-specialist-database>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole M. Barrett".

Nicole M. Barrett  
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