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15. The current level of regulation/manner of operation of the Registered Environmental Health Specialist Credential overseen by the State Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists has been, and would continue to be, *highly effective in ensuring that REHS professionals practicing in the State of Nebraska provide quality, ethical service to all we serve.*

16. Registered Environmental Health Specialists work on the front lines of Environmental Public Health throughout the state of Nebraska.

REHS professionals work at State and local health departments, hospitals and emergency management agencies, as well as in multiple roles in the private sector.

We use our education and experience daily in making decisions, providing education, and enforcing regulations which protect human health and the natural environment upon which human life depends.

Failure to ensure that Environmental Health Specialists making these decisions seek the continuing education necessary to practice competently in an increasingly fluid natural world (ie. the emergence of Covid 19) would increase the risk of adverse health outcomes for the people of Nebraska significantly.

The oversight provided by the board related to disciplinary actions against credential holders (when necessary) also ensures that ethical and professional standards of practice are maintained by all REHS professionals serving the people of Nebraska.

Respectfully,

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