**Advocacy Through Legislation**

Identify a problem or concern in your state, community, or organization that has the capacity to be advocated through legislation. Research the issue and complete the sections below. For each topic that requires the listing of criteria, a minimum of two criteria should be identified and discussed. Add more rows as is appropriate for the topic/proposal.

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| **Problem***In no more than 250 words, describe the problem, who is affected, and the current ramifications. Explain the consequences if the issue continues.* |
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| **Idea for Addressing Solution***In no more than 250 words, outline your idea for addressing the issue and explain why legislation is the best course for advocacy.* |
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| **Research the Issue***Perform research and compile information for your idea. Present substantive evidence-based findings that support your idea for addressing the problem (studies, research, and reports). Include any similar legislation introduced or passed in other states.* |
| *Evidence 1* |  |
| *Evidence 2* |  |
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| **Stakeholder Support***Discuss the stakeholders who would support the proposed idea and explain why they would be in support.* |
| *Stakeholder(s) Supporting 1* |  |
| *Stakeholder(s) Supporting 2* |  |
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| **Stakeholder Opposition***Discuss the stakeholders who would oppose the proposed idea. Explain why they would be in opposition and how you would prepare to debate or converse about these considerations.* |
| *Stakeholder(s) Opposed 1* |  |
| *Stakeholder(s) Opposed 2* |  |
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| **Financial Incentives/Costs***In no more than 250 words, summarize the financial impact for the issue and the idea (added costs, cost savings, increased revenue, etc.). Provided support.* |
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|  **Legislature: Information Needed and Process for Proposal***Discuss the how to advocate for your proposal using legislation. Include the following:* |
| *Provide the name and complete contact information for the legislator.* |  |
| *Describe the steps for how you would present this to your legislator.*  |  |
| *Outline the process if your legislator chooses to introduce your idea as a bill to congress.* |  |
| **Christian Principles and Nursing Advocacy***In no more than 250 words, discuss how principles of a Christian worldview lend support to legislative advocacy in health care without bias. Be specific as to how these principles help advocate for inclusiveness and positive health outcomes for all populations, including those more vulnerable, without regard to gender, sexual orientation, culture, race, religion/belief, etc.*  |
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