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To whom it may concern,

My name is Corin Wilde, DPM, FACFAS and I am writing this letter in support of the need to provide more patient access to the high-quality care that Kansas CRNAs provide based on my professional experience and personal opinion.

Brian Baxley CRNA and I recently discussed a subject you may be considering for legislation. I would like to add my perspective based on my work and knowledge of the work that Brian Baxley and Kansas CRNAs provide to our Kansas community.

I have work in southeast Kansas for the past twenty-three years. Most of the surgical procedures I do have been with the highly competent and professional care of CRNAs. As a surgeon, I would not be able to provide the service needed without their assistance. There are simply not enough anesthesiologists to service the demand. In many areas of Kansas, especially in the rural hospitals, I couldn't function without a nurse anesthetist.

It is my understanding that with the passage of this legislation, Kansas CRNAs would be better able to utilize the full scope of their education and training in a variety of ways. Examples of these include allowing fellowship trained and/or certified CRNAs being able to provide pain management services and procuring anesthetics for necessary dental and podiatric procedures. This would occur without changes to anesthesia care provided in hospitals throughout Kansas or endangering Kansans.

I appreciate your time and consideration of my perspective on this legislative matter that you are considering.

Sincerely,

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