

To Whom It May Concern,

I am Sean Bonanni, MD; an orthopedic surgeon with Kansas City Orthopedic Alliance. I have been involved in healthcare and worked with CAAs since I was a medical student.

I have worked alongside CAAs as well as CRNAs for many years now. CAAs are highly professional, collegial, fantastic anesthesia providers. I have known them to be well-prepared, attentive to the team and patient and strive to provide the highest level of patient care. They consistently provide safe anesthetics for my surgical patients and do so with care and compassion.

I have no reservations about a CAA providing anesthetic care for family members. CAAs would make a great addition to Kansas health care facilities.

I see no issue with the care they provide and have no reservations about CAAs serving Kansans. In the primary hospital where I operate, St Lukes Hospital, they are a vital resource and part of our health care team providing excellent patient care in even the most complex situations.

Passing CAA licensure legislation is a simple way the legislature can improve the landscape for anesthesia services in Kansas. CAAs are not a divisive force; they complement the anesthesia team and I have personally observed them working cohesively and effectively alongside CRNAs at Saint Luke's Hospital in Kansas City. I would welcome CAAs to work alongside myself in the Kansas facilities where I operate. I strongly urge you to allow these highly competent providers the opportunity to practice within their scope in Kansas.

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