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Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee

I earned my license to practice as a nurse practitioner in 2020, after working as an RN for 5 years, completing a course of study in a certified NP program, and passing a nationally recognized certification exam. My license enables me to practice and obligates me to provide excellent care to my patients as part of the health care team. My experience and training give me the expertise to thoroughly assess a patient, develop a care plan and provide the necessary care and education to meet the needs of the person, family, and community.

Advanced Practice Nurses can and MUST be allowed to be part of the solution. Now is the time to eliminate inappropriate, redundant physician oversight that exists in today's Nurse Practice Act and to stop the misuse of scarce resources during a time when quality and cost are the focus of state-wide attention. We continue to welcome any opportunity to discuss this further with you and your committee.

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