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House Committee Health and Human Services
RI State House
82 Smith St.
Providence, RI 02903

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Re; Testimony in Opposition to House Bill H5428 entitled An act relating to the business and professions - nurses

Dear Chairperson Donovan and members of the Health and Humans Services Committee,
My name is Kristin Beauregard from District 22. I have been a Registered Nurse (RN) for 15 years and a Nurse Practitioner (NP) for over 10 years. I am also an Associate of the American College of Cardiology. I have worked extensively throughout my career with patients undergoing safe and appropriate sedation ordered and administered by either RNs or NPs and work in an area that relies on mild and moderate sedation for procedures. Thus far, I have never seen any evidence that mild and moderate sedation cannot safely be ordered and administered by NPs and RNs. Our CRNA colleagues seek to revoke this privilege from us without sufficient evidence of it being detrimental to patient care. As a Nurse Practitioner working in a procedural area, I maintain my competency by staying up to date in Basic Life Support as well as Advanced Life Support every 2 years, as well as take a course on Moderate Sedation that was put together by our hospitals Department of Anesthesiology.

As well as being a Nurse Practitioner, I am also the parent of a child who just recently underwent a procedure through Hasbro Childrens Hospital that required sedation. This sedation was ordered and given by a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. She never saw a physician or anesthesia provider during the course of her procedure or recovery. I felt completely safe and confident in the care my child received by the NP overseeing her care and felt she was appropriately treated and monitored.

Limiting the scope of practice for RNs and NPs will only serve to significantly increase strain on our already stress healthcare system in this state. Unfortunately, patients in this state will see a significant delay in receiving the care they need due to the already stretched capacity of anesthesia providers and in some cases may even need to undergo possibly uncomfortable procedure without any sedation at all in certain cases. I oppose House Bill H5428 due to the above mentioned reasons. There is absolutely zero evidence or statistics to prove that mild and moderate sedation cannot be safely given by RNs and NPs when appropriately trained and credentialed in sedation practices and airway management as is already required. I have personally provided this care and seen this care provided with no concerns for safe administration and monitoring during my 15 years of practice. I urge you to vote against bill H5428 and to continue to support full scope of practice to the maximum of our licensure for all Registered Nurses and Advanced Practice Nurses. Thank you for your time and the opportunity to speak against this detrimental bill. Please feel free to email me with any questions you may have regarding my professional or personal experience in regards to this bill.

Kindly,
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