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House Committee Health and Human Services  
RI State House  
82 Smith Street  
Providence RI 02903

February 24, 2025

Re: Testimony in Opposition to House Bill 5428 entitled An act relating to the business and professions- nurses

Dear Chairperson Donovan and members of the HHS Committee

My name is Jessica Hay and I'm currently employed as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in the State of Rhode Island.

I strongly oppose House Bill 5428 entitled "An act relating to the business and professions-nurses" for many reasons which I will list below but mostly because it is immoral and unethical as it ultimately seeks to restrict patient/family access to critical health services that are delivered by nurses and nurse practitioners in countless clinical settings across the state. Rhode Island is experiencing a health care crisis and passage of this bill would result in significantly worsening the current situation. According to research and supported by the American Academy of Pediatrics NP's can help improve access to care, optimize resources and ensure safe sedation.

I oppose bill 5428 because it will limit the number of patients that have access to high quality care and greatly reduce the NP's ability to practice to their full scope. As an NP I am trained in Pediatric Advanced Life Support and administration of sedatives. I have worked in critical care areas since 2006 and am fully capable of safely administering sedatives and responding appropriately to emergency situations under the supervision of our critical care MD's.

I urge you to vote against bill 5428.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to speak against bill 5428. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,  
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HOUSE DISTRICT 66