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Subject: OPPOSE HOUSE BILL 5428

House Committee Health and Human Services
RI State House
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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 Kristin Soccio. I became a nurse practitioner in 2006, working for the Pediatric Sedation Service in Rhode Island. I strongly oppose House Bill 5428 entitled

I oppose bill 5428 because my colleagues and I (all Nurse Practitioners), under direction of Intensive Care Pediatric Physicians, have been sedating children safely and effectively for over 20 years. None of our patients are intubated or plan to be, although it is a requirement that we are competent to do so. The majority of our patients are relatively healthy outpatient children, who need sedation to complete diagnostic imaging or some mildly invasive procedure. Various drugs mentioned in this bill are used in our department in very small doses on a daily basis. We sedate nearly 2,000 pediatric patients in our department every year with ZERO harm.

"The Society of Pediatric Sedation was established in 2007, based on the recognized need for a multidisciplinary organization of individuals and institutions interested in furthering the practice and science of pediatric sedation. We take pride in our truly multidisciplinary membership, and welcome physicians, nurses, dentists, child life providers - any healthcare provider with an interest in improving the experience of pediatric patients who undergo procedures." A few listed supporting hospitals are: UWHealthKids, Boston Children's, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Cincinnati Children's, Connecticut Children's, Dell Children's Ascension, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, UPMC-Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, and Yale New Haven Children's Hospital and Hasbro Children's Hospital here in Rhode Island. This organization has recognized the safety of providing sedation to pediatric patients by all disciplinary team members. This organization provides hospitals and governing bodies with safe research-based guidelines to adopt. I urge you to vote against bill 5428. I believe this would obstruct access to healthcare for the children in our state and would force them to find care in our bordering states.

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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