

Re: House Bill 5162. Ariana Africo, PA-C. Position: Support

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The Honorable Stephen M. Casey Chair,

House Committee on Health and Human Services

State House

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Dear Chairman Casey,

My name is Ariana Africo. I am a Physician Assistant currently practicing at Hasbro Children's Hospital and private practice internal medicine. I fully support H-5162. The bill will clarify existing definitions, give PAs the same protections in employment contracts as physicians, and allow PAs to provide certain services thereby increasing access to care.

Sincerely,

Ariana Africo, PA-C