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**Dear Chairwoman Donovan,**

On behalf of the Nurse Practitioner Alliance of Rhode Island (NPARI), I respectfully urge you to OPPOSE House Bill H 7740.

While this bill may be intended to address concerns about anesthesia provider roles in elective outpatient procedures, it would unnecessarily restrict nurse practitioner scope of practice and create significant barriers to patient care. Limiting qualified NPs from providing mild to moderate sedation would directly impact access to a wide range of essential procedures, including interventional pain management, critical procedures, wound care, and diagnostic interventions that rely on timely, safe sedation.

These restrictions would not improve safety, but would instead delay care, increase costs, and reduce procedural capacity across healthcare settings. Patients, particularly those in underserved or resource-limited areas, would face longer wait times and fewer options for timely treatment. In many cases, care could be postponed or escalated to higher-cost settings unnecessarily or sent out of state.

Importantly, the safe administration of moderate sedation is already addressed under established standards. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recognizes that qualified non-anesthesia professionals, including nurse practitioners, may administer moderate sedation when appropriately trained and credentialed. At the state level, these practices fall under the regulatory authority of the Rhode Island Department of Health, which is actively engaged in a comprehensive, evidence-based rulemaking process with broad stakeholder input.

Introducing H 7740 during this ongoing regulatory work is premature and risks undermining a thoughtful, clinically grounded approach to patient safety and provider standards.

We urge you to allow the regulatory process to proceed and to reject legislation that would restrict access to safe, efficient, and necessary care.

**Thank you for your consideration.**

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