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To: Rep. Donovan, Susan R; House Health and Human Services Committee
Subject: Re: TIME SENSATIVE : SEND EMAILS PLEASE: Sedation Bill- NEW SEDATION BILL H7740

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House Committee Health and Human Services

RI State House 82 Smith Street

Providence RI 02903

April 14, 2026

Re: Testimony in Opposition to House Bill 7740 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 Board-Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner-Acute Care in the State of Rhode Island. I have worked in multiple acute care settings over the course of my career and have been working in a critical care department, Pediatric Sedation, under the supervision of critical care doctors for over 6 years.

I strongly oppose House Bill 7740 entitled "An act relating to the business and professions-nurses" for many reasons, 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.

I urge you to vote against bill 7740.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to speak against bill 7740. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Hello APPs,

The Nurse Anesthetists of RI have created a STATE BILL that restricts the practice of Nurse Practitioners and nurses to give sedation medication in various settings. This arose when RIH began developing a GI procedure program, providing sedation by Certified Nurse Practitioners, with direct supervision by Anesthesiologists. The Nurse Anesthetists did not agree with this practice and thus created a BILL to restrict the medications we can administer.

The sedation bill has been submitted unsuccessfully for the past two years; however, they have submitted it again this year. It is scheduled to be heard today in the house. Can we get folks to submit individual letters to oppose the BILL. We could also use a few people to come testify tonight on our behalf.

The BUH Governance Affairs Committee has been working with DOH to provide standardized competency focused, evidenced based recommendations that will support sedation practices across the state regardless of professional title.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Kristin

Enclosed: House Bill H7740 and letter template.

You can email:

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