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Dear Chairwoman Donovan,

My name is Laura Lambiase, and I am a Physician Assistant at The Miriam Hospital. I'm reaching out to share my concern about HB-7740 and to respectfully ask for your opposition to this bill.

The proposed legislation specifies that only CRNAs or CRNA students may administer agents classified as general anesthetics for minimal, moderate, deep sedation, or general anesthesia. This sweeping language would prevent Physician Assistants and Registered Nurses from providing the mild and moderate sedation that's safely used every day for routine procedures.

In my role, sedation is often necessary for patients undergoing endoscopies, radiologic procedures, and other diagnostic tests. This bill could force hospitals to cancel or delay these procedures—potentially sending patients out of state and increasing both cost and distress. It would also prolong inpatient stays and compound wait times in critical care and emergency settings.

Restricting sedation in this way doesn't improve safety—it limits access, raises costs, and removes trained professionals from care we've been providing effectively and compassionately for years. In my prior roles in neurocritical care, physician assistants and nurse practitioners have provided sedation for central lines, arterial lines, lumbar puncture and intubation for patients with life-threatening strokes, seizures, spinal cord injuries and CNS infections. Timely access is imperative for our most critical patients.

I hope you and your committee will consider these unintended consequences and stand against HB-7740 to protect patient care and access across Rhode Island.

Thank you for your attention and for supporting the providers who serve our communities every day.

Sincerely,

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