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Cc: House Health and Human Services Committee
Subject: Opposition to HB-7740 and Its Impact on Patient Care

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Dear Chairwoman Donovan,

My name is Linh Tran, and I am a Physician Assistant with Rhode Island Medical Imaging and work as an Interventional Radiology Physician Assistant. I have been a Physician Assistant practicing in RI for over 20 years. My primary site is at Women & Infants Hospital, and I also work within Brown Health and Charter Care Systems.

I am writing to share my concern regarding HB-7740 and to respectfully urge your opposition to this bill.

As currently written, the legislation specifies that only CRNAs or CRNA students may administer agents classified as general anesthetics for minimal, moderate, deep sedation, or general anesthesia. This broad language would effectively prevent Physician Assistants and Registered Nurses from providing the mild and moderate sedation that is safely and routinely used for many common procedures.

In my role, sedation is often necessary for patients undergoing endoscopies, radiologic procedures, and other diagnostic tests. If enacted, this bill could lead to delays or cancellations of these essential services, potentially forcing patients to seek care out of state and increasing both financial burden and emotional distress. It may also prolong inpatient stays and worsen wait times in emergency and critical care settings.

Restricting sedation in this manner does not enhance patient safety. Instead, it limits access to care, increases healthcare costs, and removes experienced, well-trained providers from roles they have performed safely and effectively for years. Many procedures we perform each day may be considered minor, yet they are critically important. Procedures such as port placements, tunneled PICC lines, drain placements, chest tubes, PleurX catheters, and biopsies would become significantly less accessible to outpatient populations.

I respectfully ask that you and your committee consider these unintended consequences and oppose HB-7740 in order to protect patient access and continuity of care across Rhode Island.

Thank you for your time, attention, and continued support of the healthcare professionals serving our communities.

Sincerely,
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