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Dear Members of the House Health & Human Services Committee,

I am writing to respectfully urge you to oppose HB-7740.

I am a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, nationally certified in acute care, and I have practiced at Hasbro Children's Emergency Department since 1998. For decades, I have safely provided procedural sedation to pediatric patients as part of my clinical practice. I am annually credentialed in sedation and maintain the training and competencies required to provide this care safely and effectively.

HB-7740 would significantly restrict the ability of non-CRNA APRNs and RNs to administer certain anesthetic agents used for procedural sedation, including in settings where this care has long been provided safely by experienced, credentialed clinicians. In practice, this would eliminate an important part of my scope of practice and directly affect the care I provide to children and families.

For pediatric patients, procedural sedation is not a convenience. It is often essential to allow necessary procedures to be completed safely, compassionately, and without unnecessary pain, trauma, or distress. Restricting qualified providers from performing sedation would create delays in care, reduce access, and may cause avoidable pain and suffering for children who need timely procedures in the emergency setting.

I have been providing this care safely for many years within a structured system of credentialing, oversight, and collaboration. This bill does not reflect the reality of how pediatric procedural sedation is safely practiced in hospital settings, and it risks harming patients by removing experienced providers from a role they are trained and qualified to perform.

I respectfully ask that you oppose HB-7740.

Thank you for your time and consideration.


Sincerely,

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