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Subject: Strong opposition to HB 7740

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My name is Mark Gauvin, and I am a Physician Assistant at Brown University Health as well as at Chartercare. 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 from providing the mild and moderate sedation that's safely used every day for routine procedures.

In my role in the emergency department, sedation is often necessary for patients for a number of reasons. This bill will have a direct delay in patient care in the emergency departments. As an example, sedation is often necessary for reduction of dislocated bones, or for reducing a fracture. By limiting physician assistants such as myself from something we are not only currently doing, but also doing **safely**, will directly impact patient care, not to mention further prolong already abysmal wait times.

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.

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,

Mark Gauvin, PA-C