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Good afternoon,

My name is Shannon Parsons, and I am a Physician Assistant specializing in Interventional Radiology with Rhode Island Medical Imaging, practicing across multiple hospitals throughout Rhode Island. I am writing to express my concern regarding HB-7740 and to respectfully urge your opposition to this bill.

As written, the proposed legislation restricts the administration of agents classified as general anesthetics across minimal, moderate, and deep sedation, as well as general anesthesia, exclusively to CRNAs or CRNA students. This broad language would effectively prevent Physician Assistants and Registered Nurses from providing mild and moderate sedation, which are routinely and safely used in everyday clinical practice.

In my role, I directly oversee moderate (conscious) sedation to ensure optimal patient comfort during invasive radiologic procedures. Many of these procedures involve biopsies for patients with suspected malignancies, where timely diagnosis is critical to initiating appropriate treatment. This bill could result in delays or cancellations of necessary procedures, potentially forcing patients to seek care out of state. Such outcomes would increase healthcare costs, create unnecessary stress and inconvenience for patients and their families, and delay critical diagnoses and treatment. Additionally, these restrictions may contribute to prolonged inpatient stays and increased wait times in emergency and critical care settings, further straining an already burdened healthcare system.

Importantly, legislation of this kind does not enhance patient safety. Instead, it risks limiting access to care, an issue already significant in Rhode Island while increasing system-wide costs and sidelining highly trained professionals who have long provided these services safely and effectively.

I respectfully ask that you and the committee carefully consider these unintended consequences and oppose HB-7740 to protect patient access to safe, timely, and compassionate care across Rhode Island.

Thank you for your time and for your continued support of the healthcare providers serving our communities,

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