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Dear Representative,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 7740.

As a board-certified nurse practitioner currently practicing in Rhode Island, and previously as a registered nurse in a high-acuity surgical critical care setting, I have firsthand experience managing patient care that requires advanced clinical judgment and vigilance. During my time as an RN, I routinely administered conscious sedation and was directly responsible for monitoring patients' hemodynamic stability, airway status, and overall response to medications during and after administration. This responsibility required rapid assessment, critical thinking, and the ability to intervene immediately if complications arose.

Given this level of responsibility already entrusted to registered nurses, it is difficult to understand the rationale behind restricting nurse practitioners, who have significantly more advanced education, clinical training, and independent decision-making experience from practicing to the full extent of their training.

Nurse practitioners are highly trained, licensed providers who are well-equipped to safely and effectively manage patient care, including medication administration and monitoring. Restrictive legislation such as HB 7740 not only undermines the expertise of NPs but also risks limiting patient access to timely and efficient care across our state.

At a time when healthcare systems are strained and access to providers is increasingly limited, Rhode Island should be supporting policies that allow qualified clinicians to practice at the top of their license, not imposing unnecessary barriers.

I respectfully urge you to oppose HB 7740 and instead support legislation that promotes safe, accessible, and evidence-based care for Rhode Islanders.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Sydney Formicola, MSN, APRN, AGNP-C