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Good morning, Sentor Murray,

I hope you and your family are well. We met a while ago however; you may recall that I've been a nurse anesthetist in Rhode Island for over 15 years. Most recent at South County Hospital. I love my job and really enjoy helping many friends, neighbors, and locals safely through their surgeries and procedures. As a member of the Health and Human Services Committee you are probably aware of the unsafe and unproven proposal by Brown Health to allow nurse practitioners to routinely give boluses (large doses) of propofol (a powerful anesthetic medication) for elective procedures. This is very dangerous. As the package insert for this medication states "Should only be administered by qualified professionals trained in anesthesia, with immediate access to airway management." This medication has a very small margin for error. Even a tiny amount too much and the provider may need to fully support a patient's airway and maintain their breathing until their ability to do so returns. I have great respect for nurse practitioners and the important role they play in medicine. In fact, my mother was an NP at URI for many years. However, they are not qualified to practice anesthesia. They lack the years of training it takes to administer this medicine during these very invasive procedures and to quickly intervene, using a variety of airway equipment, should the patient's airway become obstructed or contaminated. I encourage you, Melissa, to please read and support the Anesthesia Safety Act (S3184) which aims to prohibit this practice and protect Rhode Islanders from the non-emergency administration of this powerful medication by non-anesthesia providers. I would love to hear your thoughts on this matter and would be happy to talk more about it.

Thank you for your time, Melissa. Please don't hesitate to contact me for more information or clarification.

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