

April 30, 2026

Hon. Melissa Murray  
Chair, Senate Committee on Health and Human Services  
Rhode Island State House  
Providence, RI 02903

**Re: Support for S3184 Substitute A - Safe Administration of Anesthesia**

Dear Senate Committee Members,

I am writing in support of Senate bill 3184. I am a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) and I feel that this bill is important to consider for the people of Rhode Island.

Physician Anesthesiologists and CRNAs dedicate years of specific and specialized training in anesthesia with board certification. I believe the administration of anesthesia for elective procedures requiring deep sedation should be limited to professionals who have this specialized training. Expanding this role to providers who claim to have the training to administer deep sedation are not formally educated or trained in anesthesia, which introduces safety concerns and unnecessary risk for elective procedures. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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