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Good afternoon Senator Kissel, Representative Mushinsky, members of the committee.

My name is Dianne Murphy. I am a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, immediate past president of the Connecticut Association of Nurse Anesthetists (CANA) and currently State Government Affairs for CANA. I would like to thank the committee for allowing me to testify today. CANA had planned not to testify today and now became compelled to testify to correct the record on previous testimony.

As previously stated by my anesthesia colleague, nurse anesthetists and anesthesiologists do work well together. Nurse anesthetists also share a good working relationship with other physicians and health professionals.

In Connecticut Statute nurse anesthetists work under the direction of a physician and do not require a relationship with an anesthesiologist. This has been clear in the law for at least ten years.

We look forward to further findings and recommendations of the committee in looking at situations of resolving scope of practice issues in a timely manner.