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Testimony in support of Raised Bill #192 AAC Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and Primary Care Providers for Individual and Group Health Policies.

Senator Crisco, Representative Fontana, and members of the committee:

My name is Penny McEvoy MSN, ANP-BC, an APRN, and currently President-Elect of Connecticut Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Society. CTAPRNS strongly supports this bill because it allows for greater access to Nurse Practitioners who are Primary Care Providers.

As the current state of health care evolves and our governments make decisions regarding the future status of health care delivery, a shortage of primary care physicians will occur as many new physicians choose specialty care. It is necessary to identify all Primary Care Providers, credential them and list them in the Insurance directories so that patients have access to all available service providers. Nurse Practitioners provide direct access to Primary Care when they are identifiable by patients, often times when physician providers have closed their practice panels and cannot accept new patients. Patients should have the right to information regarding all available Primary Care Providers, including Nurse Practitioners.

By allowing for Nurse Practitioners to be credentialed individually by all insurances and listed in directories as Primary Care Providers, the current ability of Nurse Practitioners to order evaluation studies would improve by allowing for recognition and acceptance of Nurse

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Practitioner orders as the legitimate Primary Care Provider and thereby promoting more efficient care delivery. Prompt and timely return of results to the ordering provider could then be achieved. This would prevent delay in patient care, allow for accurate data collection and tracking in pay for performance reimbursement programs, and achieve better demographic coordination of information related to the delivery of health care and identification of needs.

I support Raised Bill #192 for these reasons. Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this bill.

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