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To: PHC Testimony

Subject: SUPPORT of Raised Bill No. 414

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter, Committee members, thank you for raising this bill.

My name is Vanessa Pomarico and I am submitting written testimony in SUPPORT of Raised Bill No. 414 as I am unable to be present tomorrow.

I am writing to ask your support of this bill that will allow nurse practitioners to certify, authorize and verify illness, disability or exemption for our patients on forms that are required by the state.

I am a nurse practitioner in a busy internal medicine practice with three physician colleagues. It is difficult for my physician colleagues to be required to sign off orders on patients with whom they know nothing about especially those with multiple, chronic medical problems and with whom I am intricately familiar with.

The delay in submitting the appropriate forms with a physician signature can often delay necessary orders and treatments for patients which could have detrimental effects on their health. It also delays insurance companies to authorize treatments based on this required MD signature. I perform a number of school physicals each year on students entering colleges as well as care for patients employed by large companies who are in need of FMLA. Allowance of this bill enabling NP signatures on all of these forms that currently require a physician signature would then allow my signature to be legal and binding.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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