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RAISED BILL No. **6391** ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF
ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES.***

Testimony of John Rodgers MD IN SUPPORT OF RAISED BILL No. 6391

Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and members of the Committee

Thank you for raising this bill and providing an opportunity to speak on an important issue affecting nurse practitioner practice and removing barriers to practice.

My name is John Rodgers and I'm testifying in support of Raised Bill No. 6391_ - I have been a collaborating physician for nurse practitioners since 1998. The nurse practitioners in my office function as primary care providers, and they manage those patients without direct physician oversight. They have provided safe and effective care to their patients.

I have collaborated with nurse practitioners in my practice when they require my expertise. I have also utilized their knowledge when it has been beneficial for the care for my patients. This is standard of practice and does not require statutory language.

The safety of nurse practitioners has been well documented. The Institute of Medicine * has recommended the removal of statutory barriers to the practice of nurse practitioners. Please consider supporting this important bill that removes barriers to advanced practice nursing and the services that we can provide to the population of Connecticut.

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*The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health://www.nap.edu/catalog/12956.html