APRN COALITION IN SUPPORT OF RB No. 110 AN ACT CONCERNING FRAUD PREVENTION IN CONNECTICUT'S UTILITY TERMINATION PROTECTION PROGRAMS.

Senator Duff, Representative Reed and members of the Energy and Technology Committee

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The bill recognizes APRNs as independent providers requiring authority to certify “Serious illness” or a “Life-threatening situation”. Lack of APRN inclusion has been very problematic over the years. Without authority to sign, APRNs have had to send patients to hospitals to obtain continued lifesaving care. This has created many hardships, is costly for the state, and is detrimental to patients. This is authority APRNs take very seriously so we are pleased to see the addition of a worksheet for the customer to complete to determine hardship. We strongly support this bill and thank you for your attention to this serious matter.