

JoAnn Eaccarino SB 36

Senator Gerratana, Rep. Johnson, Members of the Public Health Committee,

My name is JoAnn Eaccarino. I have been a board certified Family Nurse Practitioner for over 30 years and have worked in private practices, community health centers, hospital employee health departments, emergency departments, and most recently in School Based Health Centers. I am writing in strong support of the Governor's Bill #36.

The act of collaboration is an ethical responsibility of all professional persons. Nurse Practitioners will not cease to collaborate if this legal requirement is removed. In my years of experience, collaboration and referral to physicians or to other more-experienced healthcare professionals with specialty practices, has never been based on any legal requirement, but rather in the best interest of the patients for whom I have had the privilege of caring.

I am honored that this bill was proposed by our Governor and supported by so many legislators who understand that this is based on research and good for the citizens of Connecticut. Thank you for your good work.