

Julie A. Follett SB 36

Dear members of the public health committee, I am writing in support of SB36 concerning dropping the requirement for APRN collaboration with a physician once an APRN has had three years of clinical practice. It has been stated repeatedly by systems analysts studying our current health care in Connecticut, as well as nationwide, that APRNS provide good quality health care that is delivered in a safe, competent manner. We are networking with physicians and other health care providers to encourage better access to health care for all CT citizens. It is an issue of recognizing that a networking system allows APRNS and other providers to utilize their education, expertise and talents in an optimal manner. Retaining the current rigid, hierarchical system of requiring collaborative contracts between APRNS and MDs only strangulates an already outdated system. Please vote in favor of SB36.

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