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Please see attached regarding Bill #36

Thank you for your attention

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To whom it may concern;

I am a nurse practitioner, board certified in gerontology and psychiatry and I practice in 1a private practice serving 11 nursing homes in the state of Connecticut. I service over 1000 patients. I have a physician partner and I consult a variety of attending and specialist physicians throughout my work week.

If something were to happen to my current collaborating physician, I would no longer be able to provide care for my patients due to state law requiring a written agreement between myself and a physician. It could take months before I found another physician in my specialty and my patients would be unable to receive care.

If the law is changed and the written agreement requirement went away, I would continue to consult and collaborate with my attending physicians and specialists. We do not work in a vacuum. All providers, whether physician, nurse practitioner, pharmacist or psychologist collaborates, consult and seek help and advice from others.

Please consider amending this law to discontinue this barrier to my practice for the wellbeing of my patients.

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