

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 16, 2016 PUBLIC HEARING

LYNN SAPHIRE IN SUPPORT OF RAISED BILL No.67

AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES

Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter and members of the Committee,

Thank you for raising this bill, addressing patient care issues.

I, Lynn Saphire, APRN work for OptumCare. I oversee 60 nurse practitioners, all of whom work in long term care facilities treating residents in place where they live. Our model is patient-centered and based upon goals of care as defined by the resident, family and Power of Attorney. It is important to serve our patients in a timely fashion. This bill will greatly enhance our practice to serve properly, give immediate service when needed and allow APRNs to more fully utilize their license.