

SB No. 921 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED
NURSES PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Public Hearing: March 4, 2019

To Esteemed Members of the Public Health Committee: Representative Mary Daugherty Abrams, Senator Heather Somers, Representative Jonathan Steinberg, Representative William Petit, my name is Lynn Rapsilber DNP APRN ANP-BC FAANP and I am a nurse practitioner and owner of NP Business Consultants and **I am writing in support of SB 921.**

I have been involved in the evolution of APRN statutory authority since 1999 and have participated in committee meetings, written and delivered testimony, led the scope of practice review for APRNs which allows the retiring of the written collaborative agreement with a physician after completing 2000 hours and three years (SB 36, PA 14-12) and sat on many scope of practice review processes. I have been a past President of the Connecticut Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Society, chaired the Coalition of Advanced Practice Nurses and am also the CT Representative for the American Association of Nurse Practitioners chairing their Health Policy Committee.

This committee, through this bill, can help eliminate statutory authority barriers regarding APRN signature. Inefficiencies occur when APRNs are unable to “treat the paperwork” that reflects the care they have provided. This disconnect between the existing authority of an APRN to provide treatment and the recognition of an APRN’s signature on a form verifying that care creates delays and increases health care costs. The APRNs have done their due diligence by identifying, researching, meeting with departments for vetting and presenting the request you see before you.

Though I wish this bill contained language to support a uniformed statutory authority signature bill, (since there are still hundreds more to change), I implore the committee to support this bill knowing it has gone through the rigors of vetting before its presentation to the committee and will reduce delays in access and care to the residents of Connecticut.

Thank you for your attention.

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