

Dear Legislator,

As your constituent, I am writing to ask for your support for A.5308/S.3289; the NP Modernization Act. I see a nurse practitioner (NP) for many of my healthcare needs and find the care to be excellent. Choosing to see a NP is a personal choice that is important to me. I am dismayed to learn that my NP provider, who is entrusted with my care through state licensure and certification standards, is forced as a matter of law, to have a written collaboration agreement with a physician who is not legally responsible for my care. I fail to understand how a written collaboration agreement is thought to ensure my safety and well-being.

In my own experience, this physician typically plays no role in my care. Yet, if this agreement is disrupted for any reason, I would lose access to my nurse practitioner until he/she finds another collaborating physician. My NP is already qualified by education and training to exercise good judgment in my care and we do not need anything interfering with that relationship. Clearly, knowing when to refer and consult with other healthcare professionals is a function of sound training and judgment and good judgment cannot be legislated.

In this era of shrinking resources and increasing healthcare needs of our population, nurse practitioners are efficient and effective healthcare providers and will serve us well into the future. Legally mandated collaboration agreements serve no legitimate purpose and over steps the boundary of acceptable government intervention into the professional relationships between healthcare providers and their patients.

As your constituent, I ask that you take immediate action to support the above legislation and ensure its passage. I am counting on your support and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Date

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