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The Honorable Senator Danny Verdin
412 Gressette Building
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: Opposition to Legislation to Authorize CRNA Independent Practice

Dear Senator Verdin:

The undersigned organizations represent physicians of all specialties practicing throughout our State in multiple settings. We are writing to express our strong opposition to pending legislation (S.563 and H.4278) that would eliminate physician supervision and direction of certified registered nurse anesthetists ("CRNAs").

You may have already received an individual letter from some of our organizations, but we are writing collectively to emphasize our deep concern that the pending legislation, if enacted, would pose a significant threat to patient safety and quality of care. While physicians respect and value CRNAs as members of the patient care team, they do not have the breadth and depth of training and experience that physicians have, especially anesthesiologists. South Carolinians deserve the highest possible quality of care, and continued physician supervision and direction of CRNAs ensures that level of care.

Thank you for your consideration of the concerns of the South Carolina physician community as a whole. We strongly urge you to oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,

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South Carolina Academy of Family Physicians
South Carolina Association of Anesthesiologist Assistants
South Carolina Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
South Carolina Chapter of the American College of Surgeons
South Carolina Society of Anesthesiologists
South Carolina Medical Association
South Carolina Obstetrical & Gynecological Society
South Carolina Orthopaedics Association
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