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The Honorable Senator (your Senator)
Kansas State Capitol
300 SW 10th Street
Topeka, KS 66612

Re: Support for SB 454 Authorizing APRNs to prescribe medications without a collaborating physician

Dear Senator _____. (fill in your senators name).

My name is (your name) and I am an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) who resides in your district. I am asking for your support of SB 454 to remove outdated language that requires APRNs to maintain a life-long contract with a collaborating physician. Kansas APRNs need to be able to provide healthcare to patients and ensure their patients have continuous, undisrupted care without excess regulations.

Support for the APRN bill is evident as over 40 national, state, and local community partners and stakeholders endorse SB 454. Stakeholders include AARP, American For Prosperity, Walmart, Kansas Chamber of Commerce, Amazon, multiple nursing organizations and business organizations.

At the federal level, the Department of Defense, the Veterans Administration, and other federal health systems have adopted practice regulations and rules that enable APRNs to freely provide care to all veterans, military members, and their families. APRNs working in these federal facilities do not have collaborating physician requirements and patients have continued to receive high-quality healthcare.

Lastly, several Kansas APRNs are small business owners who are providing healthcare to many Kansans. In addition, they have created jobs and economic support to the communities where their businesses are located. When a collaborating physician dies, retires, or moves away, the business is in jeopardy of shutting down and all healthcare services stop until another physician is found. Healthcare is not available for those patients; jobs are lost and community revenue from the clinic ceases. Having a collaborative physician requirement is an economic burden and must end.

APRNs have graduate degrees and must graduate from an accredited school to be able to take a national certification. This bill requires successful completion of a national certification to meet the requirements for licensure in Kansas, which further demonstrates competency.

I urge you to support SB 454 to ensure all APRNs can provide direct care to their patients in Kansas and all Kansans can more easily access healthcare services. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

(your name) APRN
(contact information)