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Letter of Testimony in support of LD295 - An Act to Repeal Restrictions That Prohibit Certain Advanced Practice Registered Nurses from Providing Essential Health Care Services

Dear Senator Sanborn, Representative Tepler and distinguished members of the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee,

I am writing to amplify the voices of my colleagues who will be providing compelling testimony before you today in support of LD295.

It is always helpful to review historical perspective, especially in light of the oft changing healthcare landscape in Maine and in the nation. In 2011, the Institute of Medicine released *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health*; the premise of the report is the need to eliminate barriers to APRN practice in the United States. The report further elucidates the necessity of advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) practicing to the fullest extent of their education, training and expertise. The IOM also promulgated significant policy recommendations that APRN education, training and expertise be the basis for licensure as well as reimbursement and privileges.

Clearly, the current transition to practice stipulation in Maine of APRN practice for at least 24 months under supervision is archaic and inconsistent with the recommendations of the IOM.

I respectfully request your support of LD295 which will eliminate outdated barriers to practice and increase access to care for the citizens of Maine.

Sincerely,

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