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I am Jeff Lovitz MD a retired family physician from Waterville currently living in Belgrade.

LD295 is a proposal is a proposal that would end the current law which requires 24 months of physician supervised practice for newly graduated nurse practitioners.

As a family practitioner I had to complete four years of medical school and a three year family practice residency program before being allowed to practice independently. I also had to pass the abfm exam to be board certified in family medicine.

I had both physician assistants and a nurse nurse practitioner in my office practice. The NP was a new graduate. Her interpersonal skills were excellent. Clinically it was unsafe for patients to not have all of the NPs patients reviewed by a physician ..As time passed her clinical skills improved considerably. After several years she developed sufficient clinical skills to not require mandatory review of all patients. She new which patients needed consultation.

I hope the legislature recognizes the danger presented to patients by the proposed Ld 295 repeal of supervision requirements

Sincerely, Jeff Lovitz MD

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