

Dear House Committee on Government Operations,

I am a resident of Charlotte, Vermont and work at UVMMC as Dermatologist. I was just informed of H-684 and would like to express my deep concerns. I view the state's requirement that APRNs practice in a collaborative agreement with a physician as a minimum safety check while they learn a new role as a health care provider. This is analogous to a physician residency and would be a disservice to APRNs and more importantly, their patients if it were removed. My 4 year residency training was vital to my ability to work independently allowing me the time and patient volume to diagnose and treat illnesses that only appear in a busy clinic once or twice a year. APRNs deserve to ensure that their field remains adequately trained and supervised, especially when they are learning a new role. The old adage holds true in this case--"you don't know, what you don't know."

In addition, bad apples try to infiltrate any field and maintaining this requirement will help ensure that those (thankfully) rare individuals willing to cut corners at the expense of patients welfare are not allowed to do so.

Please vote NO on H-684. I thank you for your consideration on this vital matter.

Sincerely,

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