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**Subject:** removal of collaborative agreement transition to practice and practice guidelines for NPs

I support the removal of the collaborative agreement transition to practice and practice guidelines for nurse practitioners as outlined in the OPR bill. Retaining these requirements adds an unnecessary burden, a detraction from quality patient care and thus constitutes a step backwards in access to quality health care.

As a psychiatric nurse practitioner in outpatient practice, I assure you that I receive calls weekly from Vermont residents who cannot find outpatient psychiatric treatment and whom I am unable to serve because of current demands on my practice.

Please refer to the following link regarding the rationale for reducing barriers to APRN (Advanced Practice Registered Nurse) practice:  
<https://campaignforaction.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/CNF30-online-brief.pdf>

## ChartingNursing's Future - Campaign for Action

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Future The 2010 Institute of Medicine (IOM) report The Future of Nursing:  
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