

Dr. Pandya: Thank you very much. Your letter will be shared with the full House Government Operations Committee. It will also be posted on our web page and entered into the record. Best regards, Maida F. Townsend, Chair, House Government Operations

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To: Maida Townsend
Subject: HB 684

Representative Townsend,

I understand HB 684 is to be presented. This is a bill which will REMOVE collaboration of NPs/PAs with MDs. I am a practicing anesthesiologist in the state of Texas. The events of healthcare across the country are frightening. We have states that believe that the training of an NP or PA is equal to an MD. While I know the data that the AANP is citing, their data is significantly flawed.

A simple difference is years in training. We as physicians are trained in medicine, this is just untrue of the NPs and PAs. The AANP states the NPs are practicing advanced nursing however at the same time they are stating they would be increasing access to care to areas, they are equal to a physicians training and in all intensive purposes are practicing medicine without a license in 23 states. Americans deserve better care. They deserve physician led care.

It's been shown in many states that the NPs/PAs do NOT increase access. In AZ for example 18% if these providers are in the rural areas, that's it. Same for Texas. It's also been shown these providers do not cut costs but increase them pretty significantly with unnecessary consults, labs and tests that are orders purely due to the lack of training. Again nursing does not in anyway equal medicine.

We realize the costs of healthcare needs to go down however not at the cost of our health. I urge you as well as others to oppose this bill.

Thank you for your time,
Vrunda Pandya, MD

Sent from my iPhone