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Good morning,  
I am a nurse practitioner at GoodHealth, now affiliated with the Community Health Centers of Burlington. I am also an Associate Professor of Nursing at the University of Vermont where I teach nurse practitioner students through to their graduation. This provides a close up opportunity to see how novice nurse practitioners transition into practice. It is clear to me that novice NPs seek collaborative environments and mentors who they trust, respect, and will learn from. Most of the time this is distinctly different than who they “list” as a collaborative provider to gain a license to practice in VT. A mandated agreement like the current collaborative agreement for transition to practice is redundant, condescending, paternalistic, and without evidence to back it up. As a professional, we all seek resources and it does not need to be mandated. In this day in age we collaborate with multiple providers to provide safe, effective, evidenced basic care.

The Office of Professional Regulation has brought forth a new bill that would remove practice guidelines and the collaborative agreement for newly graduated advanced practice nurses. I urge you not to yield to the lobbying efforts by the American Medical Association and the Vermont Medical Society who feel we need to be under their purview and somehow cannot be trusted to do what is right by our profession and ethics. I urge you to do what is right for patients and patient care. I am more than happy to answer any questions that you have. I have cc'ed my Representatives, both of whom I voted for. It is my hope that they will join you in supporting high quality primary care for Vermonters by endorsing the current OPR bill. Thank you for your time.

All the best,  
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