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I am writing to thank you for your concern and consideration for the safety of Vermonters. I want to express concern about H.684. The Bill, as originally presented by the OPR, eliminated collaborative agreements and practice guidelines for CRNAs/APRNs. Due to lobbying by the Vermont Medical Society and the Vermont Society of Anesthesiologists, amendments have been placed for your consideration. These transition to practice amendments would restrict the practice of APRNs in rural facilities.

Although I have recently retired, I was fortunate to work in a group at Porter Hospital in Middlebury. During my 13 years there, 2 new graduate CRNAs were hired and provided excellent patient care from day one, including after 5 and weekend solo services for surgical anesthesia, obstetrical analgesia, and emergency airway management.

I am asking you to support the removal of transition to practice requirements. Please consider if this is a matter of control instead of quality.

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