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Subject: APRNs need a transition to practice...just like MDs

I am writing to urge the Vermont Senate Committees to support the current compromise language in Section 15 of H.684 that retains a transition to practice requirement.

As a Pulmonologist and Critical Care physician, I did not practice Internal Medicine independently until I completed a 3 year residency training program that followed my four years of medical school.

I then completed an additional four years of fellowship training in my specialty before practicing "independently."

I will also add that now 15 years into my career, I still turn to colleagues for advice and guidance in areas that I feel they have greater expertise than myself.

No practitioner is an Island, and they should not be allowed to practice like one straight out of their degree.

Thanks,

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