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Subject: Bill H.684

Senator Ayer,

I am a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist/Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (CRNA/APRN) practicing in Vermont. I am a constituent of yours. I am writing to express concern about H.684, an act relating to the professions and occupations regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation. 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 Vermont Society of Anesthesiologists (VMS/VSA), amendments were placed in the bill which is now up for consideration by your committee. I have concerns that the amendment language (which did not have input from APRNs) may cause Vermonters to have decreased access to health care services, specifically high quality anesthesia services provided by CRNAs at small rural hospitals. I would like the committee to remove the amendments and have the bill return as introduced. I thank you for your attention to this matter.

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