April 22, 2025

President Donald J. Trump The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump,

The below associations representing Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) and advanced practice nursing education look forward to reestablishing previous work and engaging with your Administration to advance healthcare for all Americans. Our associations stand ready to work with your Administration to remove bureaucratic inefficiencies and ensure the highest quality of healthcare delivery.

The APRN Workgroup represents all four APRN roles, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA), Nurse Practitioner (NP), Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM), and Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) as well as advanced nursing education. APRNs are prepared at the master's or doctoral level to provide primary, acute, chronic and specialty care to patients in all settings across all ages and backgrounds. APRNs are a growing, critical, and highly educated part of the healthcare workforce. APRNs advance healthcare access, improve quality of care, and provide cost-effective healthcare delivery, particularly in rural and underserved communities. Yet many outdated policies hamper APRNs from serving to the full extent of their license and deepen healthcare access gaps.

We applaud your first Administration's dedicated work to removing unnecessary and burdensome physician supervision requirements for APRNs. In particular, Section 5 of Executive Order 13890 on *Protecting and Improving Medicare for Our Nation's Seniors,* which called for removing burdensome requirements in the Medicare program that are "more stringent than applicable Federal or State laws require and that limit professionals from practicing at the top of their profession."¹ Additionally, the *Reforming America's Healthcare System Through Choice and Competition* report from the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Treasury, and the Department of Labor² called for policies to remove barriers to care for providers. These policies are critical to ensuring efficiency, and a patient's ability to receive care from their chosen healthcare provider.

¹ Executive Order on Protecting and Improving Medicare for Our Nation's Seniors – The White House

² Reforming America's Healthcare System Through Choice and Competition

We look forward to working with your Administration on regulatory policies which recognize the importance of all healthcare providers and remove unnecessary barriers to care. These include ensuring that the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Labor, and the Department of Treasury promulgate regulations ensuring that commercial health care providers do not restrict access to care based on a provider's licensure. We also look forward to supporting investments in our nursing workforce and education programs, which are necessary to resolve provider shortages and provide the support and advancement nurses deserve.

On behalf of APRNs across our nation, we welcome the opportunity to continue our work with your second administration to ensure the best healthcare for our country and would kindly request a meeting with the White House Domestic Policy team. You can reach out to Romy Gelb-Zimmer, AANA Director of Regulatory Affairs at <u>rgelb-zimmer@aana.com</u> or Frank Harrington, AANP Director of Reimbursement and Regulatory Affairs at <u>fharrington@aanp.org</u>. Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

American Academy of Nursing American Association of Colleges of Nursing American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology American Association of Nurse Practitioners American College of Nurse-Midwives American Nurses Association American Organization for Nursing Leadership Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners National League for Nursing National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties