

February 12, 2025

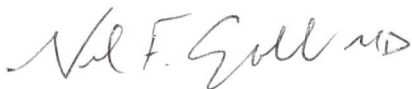
Dear Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of Kansas:

I am a registered voter, taxpayer, and full-time physician working and living in Kansas. I write this letter to show my full support for my Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant (CAA) colleagues and the new bill being introduced to promote their professional licensure and practice in our great state.

Over the last decade, I have been fortunate to work alongside and collaborate with eleven CAAs at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City via my role as Pediatric Anesthesiologist and as Associate Professor of Anesthesiology at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine. Together, my CAA colleagues and I have cared for thousands of Kansas' children with differing clinical complexities ranging from tonsillectomies and appendectomies to brain tumor resections and kidney transplants. Indeed, each of them are vital members of our anesthesia care team. Safe anesthesia care is a "team sport," and CAAs provide this in spades by way of their exceptional professionalism, collegiality, intellectual curiosity, and procedural skill.

I urge to you to affirmatively move forward the bill that supports CAA licensure and practice in the state of Kansas. If this bill passes, our anesthesiology care team workforce will undoubtedly become more robust, thus allowing Kansas residents to have greater access to the highest-level of service and medical care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neal F. Campbell MD". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a stylized "N" and "C".

Neal Campbell
10413 S. Highland Circle
Olathe, KS 66061

Neal F. Campbell, M.D.
Pediatric Anesthesiologist
Children's Mercy Hospital
Associate Professor of Anesthesiology
University of Missouri-Kansas City