

To The Honorable Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee,

I am an APRN who has had a foot care business for the past fifteen years. I have as collaborative physicians, an interventional cardiologist, an M.D. who specialized in the elderly, and an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in the foot. These physicians were available to me by phone where ever I was in the state, and I traveled as far east as Manhattan and Emporia, and as far west as Meade. I practiced according to the definition in the Nurse Practice Act, in collaboration with these physicians not supervised by them. I salvaged 5-6 sets of limbs with early detection of problems and getting them to the appropriate care taker. I also worked with the patients' personal physician in whatever town I was in. I always called the personal physician shared my findings and gave my recommendation, made appointments either with them or whoever they wished.

I feel the wording of Senate bill 141 is a setback for the APRN. The word supervised by should be changed in collaboration with or by a responsible physician. PAs are under the State Board of Healing Arts and Advanced Practice Nurses are under the State Board of Nursing. I feel that the wording of this bill places under the State Board of Healing Arts which is not where we belong.

I thank you for the opportunity to speak before you and thank you for your time.

Sincerely

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