

Dear Chairwoman Brenda Landwehr and Committee Members:

I am writing this letter to show my support for the proposal for licensure of Certified Anesthesiologist Assistants in Kansas, and ask the Committee to recommend licensure. My family and I have lived in Kansas since 1986 and I have been able to proudly call Kansas my home for the past 32 years. Currently, I live in Shawnee, Kansas and pay taxes in Kansas, but I must commute to Missouri every day for work. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to work in Kansas, where I would be able to live and work near my family.

Certified Anesthesiologist Assistants (CAA's) have been shown to be qualified and reliable anesthesia providers, and we have an excellent safety record. CAA's practice exclusively under the Anesthesia Care Team model. A physician anesthesiologist is always involved in the planning and management of an anesthetic and related patient care. Currently, Kansas residents have only one option for a midlevel provider for anesthesia, whereas in other medical specialties there are multiple options. Licensure of CAA's in Kansas would provide its residents access to an alternative midlevel provider and lower costs without displacing CRNAs or SRNAs from jobs.

I attended the University of Kansas for my baccalaureate degree, and I recently graduated from the University of Missouri MSA program in Kansas City. Being able to live and work close to my family in Kansas was a high priority for me upon graduation. Unfortunately, the closest I could get was working in Missouri. In summation, I strongly support the licensure of Certified Anesthesiologist Assistants in Kansas. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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