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To Whom It May Concern:

As a member of the KDHE Credentialing Committee, I would like to share my concerns of bringing another level of anesthesia care into the state of Kansas. As a nurse for over 40 years, I understand the problems that arise when creating new positions that are not at the level of the roles that exist to date. Any time new roles are added into a high risk environment the risk of communication breakdown and patient safety must always be considered. My two main concerns:

1. Adding a third layer into the healthcare team that will not have the clinical experience of the roles that exist i.e. MDA or CRNA
2. Finding clinical sites to train a third role will impact the quality and the opportunity for all of the anesthesia team members.

Thank you for allowing me an opportunity to share my concerns in a very short but heartfelt letter.

Respectfully,



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