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Subject: re: SB 7

Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I sent an email last night, see below, and committed the cardinal sin of not indicating who I represent on the issue. My comments below were on behalf of the Advanced Practice Nurses Association. I apologize for my error.

Thanks, Ron Hein

On Wednesday, June 03, 2020 8:11 PM, Ronald R. Hein wrote:

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Subject: SB 7

Mr. Chairman, and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing you to respond to the proposed amendment to SB 7 proposed by Rachelle Colombo, Kansas Medical Society. She is arguing that the language Governor Kelly put in the EO which removes restrictions on APRNs to provide services in response to the COVID-19 crisis should be removed.

First I would say that I know Gov. Kelly considered all arguments before executing the EO and that she made the decision she made after thoughtful consideration of all of the arguments. If the intent of this Judiciary

Committee is to enact the EOs as determined by Gov, Kelly, this committee should not "re-try" each issue. In addition, we understand that both sides of the negotiating parties agreed to this language.

APRNs have been and will continue to be a major part of the front line of this pandemic. There is a shortage of providers, especially in rural areas, and that is exacerbated with the pandemic. On the merits of the issue, twenty-two states already permit APRNs to practice to the full extent of their training and experience, without any restrictions, meaning no supervision and no collaborative practice agreement. An additional 8 states, I believe, waived their requirement for a collaborative practice agreement during this pandemic so citizens have access to providers in all settings.

Most experts are predicting that this crisis is not over, and will possibly be worse in the fall. This is not the time to remove providers from the trenches of that war.

The EO and this legislation will not reduce the standard of care. Hundreds of studies conducted in the 22 states which do not require physician oversight of APRNs have proven that no harm occurs to the public. In addition, APRNs are trained and required to collaborate with physicians, and their license is subject to being revoked if they do not collaborate.

A bill to permanently remove collaborate practice agreements for APRNs has twice passed out of House Health and Human Services Committee but has not been run on the floor due to the Medicaid Expansion issue. At no time during the Hearings has the KMS presented any studies to support their arguments that harm will occur to the public. Their opposition seems to ignore the extensive research showing equal outcomes for physicians and APRNs for primary care. The Board of Healing Arts does not regulate APRNs, the Board of Nursing does.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony.

Thanks, Ron Hein

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