

Testimony Re: SB112
Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee
Presented by Kelly R. Gordon
February 16, 2023

To: Chairwoman Senator Beverly Gossage and the honorable members of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee,

My name is Kelly R. Gordon and I am a proponent for and testifying in favor of SB112. I am president elect of Kansas Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

I reside in Olathe, and I have been a practicing CRNA for 23 years. Prior to becoming a CRNA, I worked as a Registered nurse at Childrens Mercy Hospital in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit as well as the University of Kansas Medical Center Cardiothoracic Intensive Care for approximately 10 years. I now own and operate Ethos Anesthesia Services, LLC which offers all aspects of anesthesia needs for ambulatory surgery centers, hospitals, and dental offices nationwide and US Virgin Islands. I have practiced in all settings from the Anesthesia care team model alongside anesthesiologists, to rural settings where I am the only anesthesia provider. In 23 years, I have not been able to practice to my full scope due to current archaic statute verbiage.

Practicing independently with surgeons, podiatrists, and dentists has always been a collaborative arrangement. Currently, I must rely on the surgeons or dentists DEA to obtain the medications needed for my anesthetic. I am the provider ordering the medications because I am the provider administering, but I am having to utilize another professions DEA to do so and you should find this highly unacceptable as I do. This means the orders are also being sent to the DEA holders address not to the anesthesia provider. If there is a recall on a medication those notices are also going to the DEA owner and not the anesthesia provider. I, as the anesthesia provider, am ultimately the one responsible for the medications ordered and administered. It only makes sense that I also have the ability to obtain a DEA.

CRNAs in Kansas cannot currently practice independently alongside a podiatrist because CRNAs are not allowed to complete a History and Physical which current statute verbiage states must be completed by a physician. CRNAs perform H&Ps during the perioperative phase on every patient prior to any anesthetic. CRNAs are also Advanced Practice Registered Nurses who are allowed to write H&Ps, but unlike APRNs, we administer DEA pharmaceuticals on a daily basis which make sense in opening our ability to practice to the extent we are highly trained and knowledgeable to provide care in. This requirement ultimately costs the facility and the patient more money which contributes to the rising costs of healthcare.

In the anesthesia realm, the CRNA practicing independently orders and administers the anesthesia plan that they have chosen for each individual patient to the full extent of their licensure. It would be wise to modify the verbiage to allow for the CRNA to take care of patients to the full extent of their scope of practice.

I would respectfully request that the Senate adopt SB112 for the betterment of Kansas CRNAs practice and the patients we care for.

Sincerely,

Kelly R. Gordon MA, CRNA
Ethos Anesthesia Services, LLC
Chief Anesthesia Executive Officer/Owner
Kansas Association of Nurse Anesthetists: President Elect.

Palmer Dental Group
Creating Beautiful Smiles

To whom it may concern,

My name is Scott Palmer, DDS and I am writing this letter in support of the need to provide more patient access to the high-quality care that Kansas CRNAs provide based on my professional experience and personal opinion.

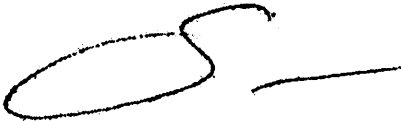
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Sincerely,

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Scott Palmer, DDS



To whom it may concern,

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Amrita Khemka, DDS



To whom it may concern,

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Trey Anderson, DDS



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David Brown, DDS

WICHITA FAMILY —DENTAL—

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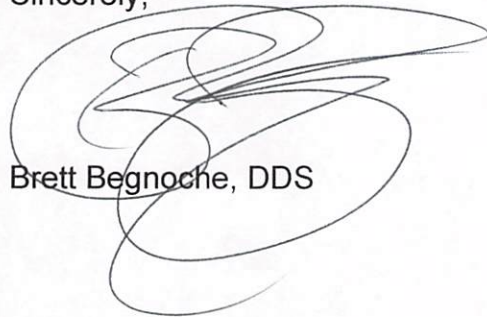
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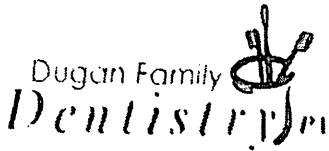
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Brett Begnoche, DDS



To whom it may concern,

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Stephen Dugan, DDS

To whom it may concern,

My name is Lindsay Pauly, DDS and I am writing this letter in support of the need to provide more patient access to the high-quality care that Kansas CRNAs provide based on my professional experience and personal opinion.

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Lindsay Pauly, DDS
Tippin Dental Group

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Phillip Tippin, DDS



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Trevor Harris, DDS

To whom it may concern,

My name is Mariah Frazier, DDS and I am writing this letter in support of the need to provide more patient access to the high-quality care that Kansas CRNAs provide based on my professional experience and personal opinion.

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Mariah Frazier, DDS



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Crystal Walker, DDS



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Ashley Long, DDS



Dr. Terry Turner
Dr. Kyle J. Barry
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Terry Turner, DDS

Tiny Teeth Pediatric Dentistry

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Matthew Healy, DDS

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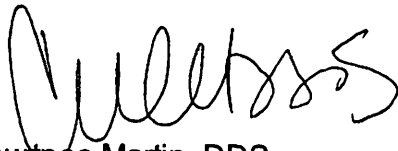
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Courtnee Martin, DDS

Pediatric Dentistry

Specialized Care
for Infants, Children, Teens
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Cricket Young, DDS

Wichita Endodontics

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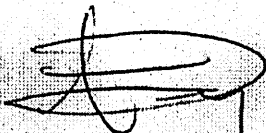
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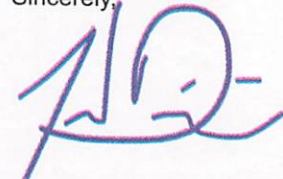
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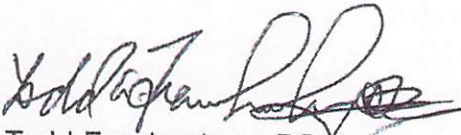
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JOHNSON D.D.S. P.A.

To whom it may concern,

My name is Kate Rohr, DDS and I am writing this letter in support of the need to provide more patient access to the high-quality care that Kansas CRNAs provide based on my professional experience and personal opinion.

Jeremy Salsbury, CRNA and I recently discussed a subject you may be considering for legislation. I would like to add my perspective based on my work and knowledge of the work that Jeremy and Kansas CRNAs provide to my patients.

Jeremy's anesthesia group, Special Anesthesia Services, provides anesthesia to many types of dental patients in our office, including those who are fearful or phobic, and to those with a disability or medical necessity. Special Anesthesia Services has been providing anesthesia care in our office for over ten years. CRNAs are an asset to our practice and provide safe, high-quality care to our patients.

It is my understanding that with the passage of this legislation, Kansas CRNAs would be better able to utilize the full scope of their education and training in a variety of ways. Examples of these include allowing fellowship trained and/or certified CRNAs being able to provide pain management services and procuring anesthetics for necessary dental procedures. This would occur without changes to anesthesia care provided in hospitals throughout Kansas or endangering Kansans.

I appreciate your time and consideration of my perspective on this legislative matter that you are considering.

Sincerely,

Kate Rohr, DDS