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To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the Maryland Organization of Nurse Leaders (MONL) we are writing in support and are favorable of Maryland House Bill 475 and Senate Bill 439, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Compact Licensure. The compact maintains Maryland as the state of primary licensure and provides for the ability to practice across state lines. The proposed bills also require the Maryland Board of Nursing to maintain authority over enforcing Maryland's nurse practice act. The APRN compact benefits the State of Maryland by improving access to healthcare and continuity of care for patients. Access to healthcare in Maryland has been a top priority for many years, but since the COVID-19 pandemic began the issue has intensified due to the sheer volume of patients needing access to both primary and specialty care and the ongoing challenges maintaining a healthcare workforce. HB 475 and SB 439 will foster enhanced collaboration between state boards of nursing and standardization of licensure requirements. The compact will both sustain the state-based licensure system and increase communication between states.

MONL is comprised of Nurse Leaders from a variety of healthcare settings, including acute care, post-acute care, and academia. MONL's mission of providing direction to the environment that shapes health care delivery in the state of Maryland, has had a positive impact in Maryland for many years. Maryland was the first state to join the National Nurse Licensure Compact for Registered Nurses in 1999, and now must be a leader in the adoption of the APRN Compact.

The Maryland Organization of Nurse Leaders urges legislative leaders to support HB 475 and SB 439. MONL represents Maryland's Nurse Leaders and nursing constituents across the state, we are confident you will represent on our behalf at this vital time in healthcare. Thank you for your time, attention, and support.

Sincerely,

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