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Committee: Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

Bill Number: House Bill 55 - Health Occupations - Nurse Anesthetists - Drug Authority

Hearing Date: March 24, 2022

Position: Support

The Maryland Dental Action Coalition (MDAC) supports *House Bill 55 – Health Occupations – Nurse Anesthetists – Drug Authority*. The bill will provide for prescriptive authority to certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs). CRNAs play an important role in the delivery of oral health care, particular for children. When young children need several dental procedures, they sometimes need to be sedated to ensure the dentist can provide the services safely. In these instances, dentists often utilize ambulatory surgery centers to deliver care; and many ambulatory surgery centers utilize CRNAs for sedation and anesthesia care.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony, and we urge a favorable vote. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.

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