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Senator Adelaide Eckardt
James Senate Office Building, Room 322
11 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401

To Senator Eckardt:

On behalf of the Maryland Organization of Nurse Leaders (MONL), we are writing in support and are favorable of Maryland Senate Bill 513, *The Health Occupations-Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS)-Prescribing Authority*. The proposed CNS prescribing authority bill authorizes a CNS to prescribe drugs and durable medical equipment within the Maryland State Board of Nursing regulations. The passage of this bill will allow the CNS to be included as an “authorized provider” under the Maryland Pharmacy Act. The CNS is considered an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) and is one of four APRN roles that provide necessary healthcare access and care for patients across the state of Maryland. This issue has been a top priority for many years, focused on allowing APRNs to practice to the fullest extent of their education and license.

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.

The Maryland Organization of Nurse Leaders urges legislative leaders to Support SB 513. 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, two years into an international pandemic. Thank you for your time, attention, and support.

Sincerely,

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