

SUPPORT

SB513 Health Occupations Clinical Nurse Specialists Prescribing Authority

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Good afternoon, Chairman Pendergrass and HGO Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today.

I am offering testimony in support for SB 513.

My name is Lorraine Diana. I am a certified family nurse practitioner and have practiced in Maryland for 41 years.

Please review the following 16 letters signed by physicians who work closely with CNSs and value their expertise and ability to sign their own orders.

These physicians work with CNSs daily and recognize that they have the education and training to independently prescribe not only medications, but physical therapy, laboratory tests, X-rays, home health care, oxygen and even a breakfast tray!

Please let us know if we can answer any questions or concerns.

We are asking for a favorable vote from you on SB513.

Thank you for all the hard work you do.

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