

## **Support**

### **SB 439**

#### **Titled: Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact**

Thank you, Senator Hayes, for your generous sponsorship and thank you Madam Chair, Vice-Chair, and committee members for considering SB 439 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact. The Chesapeake Bay Affiliate of the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (CBA-NACNS) is in support of the Maryland APRN Compact bill.

The proposed APRN compact legislation currently requires a 2,080 hours practice requirement. This requirement is not a requirement to practice, rather a requirement to practice across state lines. It is a uniform licensure requirement that must be met in order to add the multistate privilege component to one's license.

Approximately 90% of current Maryland APRN licenses would already meet the 2,080 hours requirement upon initiation of an APRN compact. The Chesapeake Bay Affiliate recognizes the added value of adopting an APRN compact and support making the APRN compact a reality in Maryland.

The Chesapeake Bay Affiliate Board of Directors is asking for a favorable report on SB 439. Thank you.