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Testimony of Senator Hayes in Support of Senate Bill 439:
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact

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Chairwoman Griffith and members of the Finance Committee,

Senate Bill 439 seeks to commit Maryland to the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse compact (APRN). This compact would allow advanced practice registered nurses from participating states to hold a multistate license which would give them privileges to practice in other participating states. Currently, APRNs need a separate license to practice in another state. This is a problem because more than 70% of APRNs in Maryland said they have provided interstate services.

The benefits of this bill include increased access to care from advanced practice registered nurses, allowing APRNs to practice in person and virtually to patients throughout the country, and allowing APRNs to cross state lines in the event of a natural disaster to provide aid, and

So far, three states (Delaware, North Dakota, and Utah) have passed legislation to join this compact. In addition to Maryland, five other states (Arizona, Hawaii, Kentucky, Montana, and New York) have pending legislation this year to join the compact. The compact will go into effect when seven states have passed legislation to join.

I urge you to vote favorably on SB439.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Antonio L. Hayes".

Senator Antonio L. Hayes
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