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Dear Mr. Bento & Ms. Douglas,

On behalf of the Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland, Inc. (NPAM), which represents over 800 advanced practice registered nurses in the state, we would like to invite the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) to engage in further discussion on the APRN Compact.

NPAM has opposed and will continue to oppose this version of the APRN Compact until altered to remedy our larger concerns. Our position on the APRN Compact remains in alignment with our national organization, the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP), organizations in the NP roundtable, other national APRN groups, and state nursing groups in New York, Kentucky, Arizona, Montana, and Hawaii.

However, NPAM believes in the potential and necessity of a well-designed APRN compact.

We ask that the NCSBN consider the following statement ahead of 2024: “It is time for states and organizations that employ APRNs to recognize that permanently removing barriers to APRN practice is essential to the health of our nation” (Martin, et. al, 2023). This statement was recently published by researchers from the NCSBN.

We are requesting the opportunity to collaboratively develop a revised compact that will remove barriers between patients and high-quality APRN care. NPAM believes that revising the compact is necessary, and in doing so, NCSBN would be upholding the consensus model and removing practice barriers.

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We look forward to working with the NCSBN to achieve the promise of an APRN Compact.

Kindest Regards,

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