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Bill: SB 221- Health Occupations Boards – Reciprocal Licensure and Certification
Position: **Support**

Dear Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Klausmeier, and members of the committee:

On behalf of over 800 members of the Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland (NPAM), and the over 8,000 certified Nurse Practitioners licensed to practice in Maryland, I am writing in support of SB 221. We recognize the need to address the workforce shortage in Maryland and the need to improve access to care for all Maryland residents. This bill addresses the important issue of reciprocity in health occupations licensing.

By adopting this legislation, we can ensure that qualified healthcare professionals from other states and jurisdictions can bring their skills to Maryland. This allows the healthcare boards and the department of health to make any alterations and updates to the reciprocity regulations as the practice of health care continues to evolve.

We ask that you support this legislation to improve access to healthcare in our state.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Malinda D. Duke CRNP-PC'.

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