

**Oppose SB 359 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact**

Dear Madam Chair and Members of the Finance Committee

My name is Rachael Crowe. I am an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse in Maryland. I am writing to ask that you **oppose SB 359: APRN Compact**. I support the concept of a compact. However, this compact is outdated and cannot be amended.

APRNs have full practice authority in Maryland. This bill imposes restrictions on practice that are not consistent with Maryland standards or national trends in healthcare. These restrictions include:

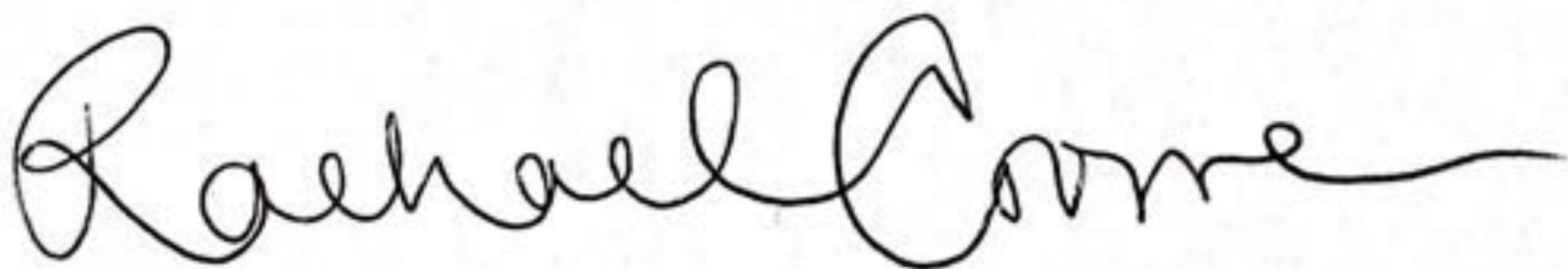
**Practice hour requirement:** This bill requires 2080 practice hours before an APRN is eligible for a compact license. This results in a delay in ability to practice and restricts the workforce.

**Prescription of controlled substances:** The APRN compact does not standardize prescriptive authority across state lines. APRN's would face barriers to prescribing and providing care when our patients are not physically in Maryland.

**Lack of APRN oversight:** There is no requirement that APRNs participate in regulation of the compact. This would be like the bar association not being made up of lawyers.

In 22 years, the NCSBN has failed to enact an APRN compact. Last year, multiple states introduced the APRN compact and the legislation *failed to pass in every state*. Please consider my concerns as a practicing APRN. **I request an unfavorable report on SB 359.**

Respectfully,



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