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Respectfully,

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**NURSE PRACTITIONER
Association of Maryland**

"Advocating for NPs since 1992"

Bill: SB 359 – Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact

Position: OPPOSE

The Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland (NPAM) advocates for the approximately 800 nurse practitioner members and the over 8,000 Nurse Practitioners licensed to practice in Maryland.

NPAM voices concerns regarding SB 359, the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact. This legislation, with its unchangeable language, practice restrictions, and lack of APRN representation, poses inherent flaws that can adversely impact both patients and nurse practitioners in Maryland.

The language of the bill cannot be altered and any amendments MUST be changed in ALL states that are part of the compact

The compact does not go into effect until legislation is signed into law in all seven states. This is the third iteration of this bill brought before the Maryland legislature and it has failed to pass every time. Just last year, this identical language was proposed in seven states and none of those states chose to adopt it. One of the reasons there has not been overwhelming support for this bill in Maryland and in other states is the compact cannot be altered unilaterally. Any and all changes MUST be enacted into the laws of ALL party states.

Restricts the practice of nurse practitioners in Maryland

The arbitrary 2080 practice hour requirement (that is not based on any evidence) creates an unnecessary burden, hindering qualified nurse practitioners and patients' access to care in a time of provider shortages.

APRNs have no seat at the table

The compact will establish an overseeing Interstate Commission of the APRN Compact. Establishment of this Commission does not require APRN representation, risking oversight by individuals outside the profession.

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Limits prescribing authority of APRNs

The compact limits prescribing authority for APRNs in Maryland, compromising their ability to provide independent care, as previously gained through a hard-fought struggle for full practice authority.

We want a compact that does not push our practice backwards. A compact that has wide spread support and does not create barriers to care. We want to be able to advocate for nurse practitioners and provide the care our patients desperately need and deserve.

NPAM supports a compact but NOT this one. We advocate for an inclusive, widely supported agreement that advances rather than hinders nurse practitioners' practice.

I respectfully request that you **OPPOSE SB 359 – Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact.**

Sincerely,



Nicole Lollo, MS, AGPCNP-BC

President

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