

Senate Finance Committee

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Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

My name is Galan Jones and I am a Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant (CAA) that resides in Maryland. I have been practicing as a CAA for 8 years. I would love to work in Prince George's County and help patients in my community access safe and timely surgical care . I currently commute 40 minutes to work in DC every day due to my inability to practice in Maryland. I have to drive past 3 Maryland hospital systems and be farther from my family.

The hospital in DC that I currently work at is a level one trauma center and I care for the sickest and most vulnerable patients in the region. At my facility I am involved in anesthesia care for all specialties. These specialties include trauma, obstetrics, pediatrics, general surgery, bariatric surgery, and neurosurgery. CAAs are members of the Anesthesia Care Team (ACT) and uphold patient safety under physician-led care. In the facilities that we currently work, we follow the same OR safety culture as all other hospitals.

Granting licensure for CAAs in Maryland will help staffing issues that many hospitals and surgical centers currently face. It does not replace other anesthesia providers, instead it adds another supervised clinician to the ACT. Maryland can expand surgical capacity by adding CAAs to existing ACT models without changing physician leadership. CAAs are ready to step in and help patients in the state of Maryland just as we have been licensed to do in Virginia, DC, and 22 other states.

Please support Senate Bill 0951 and allow hardworking CAA Maryland residents to provide safe physician-led anesthesia care, while staying close to home.

Sincerely,

Galan Jones CAA