

Senate Finance Committee  
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Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

My name is Yanyun Lin, and I am a resident of Crofton, Maryland, in Maryland Legislative District 21. I am writing to respectfully ask for your support and a “yes” vote on SB0951 and HB1558 to authorize the practice of Certified Anesthesiologist Assistants (CAAs) in Maryland.

Certified Anesthesiologist Assistants are highly trained anesthesia providers who work under the supervision of licensed anesthesiologists. CAA education maintain rigorous academic and clinical standards. All candidates must hold a Bachelor of Science degree background and complete extensive graduate-level medical education, including more than 1,000 hours of hands-on clinical anesthesia training prior to graduation.

I moved to Maryland six years ago to pursue my career as a CAA. With a background as a respiratory therapist, I am proud to serve as a CAA at a Level I Trauma Center in Washington, DC. However, due to current Maryland regulations, I am unable to practice in the state where I live.

There is a critical shortage of anesthesia providers nationwide, including in Maryland. My daily commute to DC takes two hours in heavy traffic, while Anne Arundel Medical Center is only 20 minutes from my home. As a mother of two young children, this long commute significantly reduces the time I can spend with my family. I would love the opportunity to serve the patients in my community rather than spending hours on the road each day.

Authorizing CAAs in Maryland would help address the anesthesia workforce shortage, improve patient access to care, and allow qualified professionals like myself to contribute fully within our home state.

I respectfully ask that you take a close look at SB0951 and HB1558 and vote in favor of these important bills. Your support would mean a great deal to my family and to many healthcare providers and patients across Maryland.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Yanyun Lin