

Senate Finance Committee

Testimony of Layne DiLoreto, Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant

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In support of SB 0951

Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes, and Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

My name is Layne DiLoreto and I am a Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant (CAA) as well as a new resident of Maryland. My family purchased a home in Lothian, Maryland this month. I have been licensed and practicing as a CAA for 17 years living nearby in Virginia and practicing my profession in Washington, DC. I respectfully urge you to support Senate Bill 0951—State Board of Physicians—Anesthesiologist Assistants—Licensing so that I may continue to raise my family in Maryland and practice my profession here as well.

For my entire career, I have been forced to drive across state lines to practice my profession. For 17 years, I have worked at various hospitals and surgery centers in Washington, DC because my home state of Virginia was only a recent addition to the list of states licensing CAAs. While I am proud to serve patients in DC, it has always been difficult knowing that I cannot provide the same care to patients in a location I would prefer to live. My career has involved leaving my home to care for patients elsewhere, simply because state regulations are slow to recognize the value my professional already brings to patients across the country.

As a CAA, I work under the direct supervision of a board-certified anesthesiologist as part of the anesthesiologist-led care team model. My training included rigorous graduate-level medical education and thousands of hours of clinical anesthesia experience. Every day, I help care for patients during some of the most vulnerable and critical moments of their lives—whether they are undergoing major surgery, welcoming a child into the world, or facing an unexpected emergency procedure. Patient safety is always our top priority, and the physician-led team approach ensures collaboration, oversight, and high-quality outcomes.

Any claim that CAA's are not fully educated and trained to provide safe and effective quality care is entirely false, as has been proven across our nation for years. CAAs are licensed in 23 states, including the District of Columbia and Virginia—both of which border Maryland. Maryland residents already receive safe anesthesia care from CAAs when they cross into neighboring states for medical services. It is frustrating and disheartening that Maryland continues to lose experienced providers like me to surrounding jurisdictions.

Senate Bill 0951 would allow Maryland to license CAAs under the State Board of Physicians, strengthening our anesthesiologist-led teams and helping address workforce needs without compromising safety. It would allow professionals like me to serve patients in our own communities and reduce unnecessary cross-state commuting that has defined my entire career.

I would welcome the opportunity to practice in the state I now call home. I respectfully ask you to vote favorably on Senate Bill 0951.

Thank you for your time and consideration.