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

My name is Emma Reese and I am a Physician Anesthesiologist and Maryland resident. I have extensive experience working alongside CAAs during my residency training as well as in the five years of being an attending anesthesiologist.

The Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant profession is a 55 year old profession created by Anesthesiologists themselves. CAAs are highly skilled health professionals that administer anesthesia under the direction of a Physician Anesthesiologist as a part of the Anesthesia Care Team model. They can practice in 22 states including Washington D.C., and most recently Virginia. The anesthesia workforce is facing shortages nationwide, and Maryland is no exception. As a Maryland resident and Physician Anesthesiologist, I respectfully request that you vote in favor of Senate Bill 951—State Board of Physicians—Anesthesiologist Assistants—Licensing to meet patient demand in our states.

Sincerely,

Emma Reese, MD

Scanned with CamScanner