

House Health Committee
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Dear Members of the House Health Committee

Support for HB 1558

My name is Iman Musah-Sandozz, MLS, (ASCP), CM, CAA and I am a Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant (CAA) with 8 years of experience, specializing in safe and efficacious physician-led anesthesia care.

Despite being a lifelong Maryland resident and living in Prince George's County, I am unable to practice in my home state. I currently commute to DC during the week and to Georgia every weekend to work because Maryland lacks a licensure pathway for CAAs, unlike 23 other jurisdictions, including D.C. and Virginia.

I urge your support for SB 951/HB 1558. Supporting this bill into legislature does not create independent practice for CAAs, replace other anesthesia colleagues nor does it change existing practice authority or hospital bylaws. It does however, add another qualified clinician to the anesthesia care team. This legislation will end the professional migration of specialized clinicians, as well as, allowing me to finally stop commuting out-of-state and instead serve the healthcare needs of my own Maryland community.

Respectfully,

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