

House Health Committee  
6 Bladen Street  
House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chair Bagnall, Vice Chair Cullison, and members of the House,

My name is Scott Plunkett, and I am a Maryland resident living in Takoma Park and a Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant (CAA). I am writing to respectfully urge your support for **Senate Bill 951/House Bill 1558—State Board of Physicians—Anesthesiologist Assistants—Licensing**.

I have been licensed and practicing as a CAA for nearly 14 years. For my entire career, I have worked at Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, DC, where I provide anesthesia care for pediatric patients undergoing a wide range of surgical and diagnostic procedures.

In recent years, my wife and I made the decision to move to Maryland. We now live in Takoma Park and are raising our children here. We chose Maryland because we value the community and want to build our family’s future in this state. However, despite living here, I am unable to practice my profession in Maryland due to current licensing restrictions. Each day, I commute from Maryland to Washington, DC to work. My wife, who is also a licensed CAA and Maryland resident, faces the same limitation.

CAAs work under the direct supervision of physician anesthesiologists as part of the anesthesia care team. This model is well established and has been used safely and effectively for decades. CAAs are currently licensed in 23 states, including the District of Columbia and Virginia, where they help support access to anesthesia services.

This legislation would allow qualified professionals like my wife and me—who live in Maryland and are committed to this state—to also work here. It would allow us to contribute to Maryland’s healthcare system while continuing to raise our family in the community we have chosen as our home.

I respectfully ask for your support of Senate Bill 951/House Bill 1558 and for the opportunity for CAAs to practice in Maryland.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Scott Plunkett, CAA  
Takoma Park, Maryland