

March 16, 2026

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

Dear Members of the House Health Committee,

My name is Yanyun Lin, and I am a Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant (CAA). I am writing to respectfully ask for your support for HB1558, which would authorize the practice of CAAs in the state of Maryland. I live in Crofton, Maryland, and I am a resident of Legislative District 21.

Certified Anesthesiologist Assistants (CAA) are highly trained anesthesia providers who work under the supervision of licensed anesthesiologists. As a CAA, I am nationally certified through the National Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants (NCCAA). The American Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants (AAAA) and CAAs follow the guidelines and standards established by the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA). Similar to physicians, CAAs are required to complete continuing medical education every year. We must also pass a recertification examination after our first four years of practice and every ten years thereafter. Our governing bodies maintain high standards to ensure that every practicing CAA provides the safest and highest-quality care for patients.

As a Maryland resident who currently works in Washington, D.C., I commute approximately two hours each day. Being able to work closer to home in my home state would be both time-saving and cost-effective. I would gladly pay the Maryland licensing fees in order to work locally and reduce my daily commute. With two young children at home, my time—especially family time—is extremely valuable. Less time spent on the road would mean more time with my family.

In addition, hospitals often rely on locums and traveling anesthesia providers to help address workforce shortages. However, these temporary providers are significantly more expensive than full-time staff. Authorizing CAAs to practice in Maryland would provide a more permanent and cost-effective solution, strengthening the anesthesia workforce while helping to control healthcare costs.

I respectfully ask that you take a close look at HB1558 and vote in favor of this important bill. Your support would mean a great deal to my family and to many healthcare providers and patients across Maryland. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Yanyun Lin, CAA
Crofton, Maryland
Legislative District 21