Dear Representative/Senator\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

So that we as a nation are able to provide veterans high-quality care when and where they need it, all of our health professionals must be allowed to practice to the full extent of their education and training. That is why I support the Veterans Health Administration's proposed rule to improve veterans' access to care by removing the barriers that keep advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) from providing the care they are trained and able to provide.

Acting in the best interest of our veterans means that this rule should apply to all APRNs: nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, certified nurse-midwives, and certified registered nurse anesthetists. For example, veterans need better access to pain care and pain management, as seen in just two findings from the independent assessment of the VHA mandated by Congress in 2014. That assessment tied a lack of anesthesia support to the fact that veterans had to wait longer for cardiovascular surgery and colonoscopy services than did those in the private sector.

The public comment period has ended. Now we need our representatives in Congress to weigh in on this proposal that in its entirety would give veterans the care they deserve. As a [nurse, nurse champion, citizen who cares about veterans], with [family member, spouse, friend] who has served in the armed forces, as well as a concerned constituent from your [state/district], I urge you to let the White House know of your support for the proposed rule RIN 2900-AP44-Advanced Practice Registered Nurses for all four categories of APRNS.

Thank you for your attention to this important veterans' health care issue.

Sincerely,
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