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Dear Members of the APRN Technical Review Committee

On behalf of the Nebraska Nurses Association (NNA), representing the more than 30,000 Registered Nurses in Nebraska, I write in support of the Nebraska Board of Nursing’s proposal being considered by the APRN Technical Review Committee. The mission of the NNA is to advance our profession to improve health for all. This proposal is in alignment with the 2008 Consensus Model which will modernize Advanced Practice licensure with a single statute. The current status of five statutes to define and regulate Advanced Practice Registered Nurses is confusing and limiting the full practice utilization of APRN’s. This proposal will remove unnecessary regulatory barriers to APRN practice.

NNA and the American Nurses Association (ANA) support patient-centered, team-based healthcare that values each and every team member for his or her own unique abilities, training and expertise. NNA and ANA also agree that fostering effective health care teams capable of meeting individual needs of patients and improving the system of health care delivery requires unencumbered, highly functioning team members. To foster effective health care teams, all health care professionals need to practice to the full extent of their education and training, unburdened by outdated, baseless, and costly restrictions.

NNA strongly supports the full utilization of all APRN’s to best increase the access to quality healthcare services in Nebraska. We ask that you also support the proposal.

Sincerely,
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