Dear Members of the Anesthesiologist Assistant Technical Review Committee,

My name is Madesyn Ronquillio and I am writing to you today in support of pursuing the credentialing process to license certified anesthesiologist assistants within the state of Nebraska. I am a fifth year, transfer student-athlete at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where I major in Nutrition Health sciences with minors in Communication Studies and Psychology. I am now in the middle of the interview process of the current application cycle for the next matriculating class of SAAs.

I came across the CAA profession this past March and immediately began researching program requirements, scope of practice, and lifestyle of CAAs. The biggest draw of the career are the collaborative relationships within the anesthesia care team model as well as the dynamic nature of anesthesia. With no local CAAs available to shadow, I was gratefully given the opportunity to shadow multiple anesthesiologists at CHI Health Nebraska Heart and Bryan East Medical Center. Each of these physicians offered me valuable insight into the world of anesthesia and what it would look like if a CAA were present. These experiences solidified my desire to become a CAA, as well as my hope to come back to Nebraska some day in the future.

In 2020, I unexpectedly arrived in Nebraska because of what the school offered me athletically and scholastically. During my time here, I have grown to love Lincoln and everything that it has to offer. Coming from a smaller town in California with only one hospital in the general area, I have also come to value the significance of living in a town with extensive health care resources. I am graduating this coming spring, and as my time in Lincoln becomes more limited I have started to appreciate this city and state more and more for all that it has taught me.

With all this said, I would like to urge you to consider making AA's certified in the state of Nebraska. If given the opportunity, whether present or future, I would gladly serve the Nebraska community as a CAA, and I know that there are many others who feel similarly. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Madesyn Ronquillio