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*Great Things Are Happening Here!*

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for allowing nurse practitioners to receive formal education in the use of fluoroscopy, a vital tool necessary to meet the standard of quality patient care across multiple medical specialties in Nebraska. Current regulations in Nebraska preclude nurse practitioners from receiving formal education in the use of fluoroscopy and prohibit them from using this essential tool.

This limitation results in several significant issues, including but not limited to:

- Unnecessary workarounds for nurse practitioners, their colleagues, and hospitals, which can lead to inefficiencies and delays in patient care.
- Workforce shortages in specialties where nurse practitioners could be effectively employed, exacerbating the challenges faced by rural healthcare facilities.
- Restricted access to healthcare for patients, particularly in our rural communities, and increasing healthcare expenses due to the need for referrals and additional services.
- Loss of expertise from nurse practitioners who have trained and performed fluoroscopy in other states but are unable to practice these skills in Nebraska.

Several of our bordering states have already recognized these issues and made the necessary legislative changes to permit nurse practitioners to use fluoroscopy after appropriate education and training. By adopting similar changes, Nebraska can enhance healthcare delivery, improve patient outcomes, and better utilize the skills of our healthcare workforce.

In conclusion, I support a change in the regulations to allow nurse practitioners to receive formal education in the use of fluoroscopy. This adjustment will empower nurse practitioners to provide comprehensive, high-quality care, especially in the critical access hospitals that serve our rural communities.

Thank you for considering this important matter. I am available if you require further information or wish to discuss this proposal further.

Sincerely,

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