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Re: Fluoroscopy privileges

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for the expansion of scope of practice for mid-level nurse practitioners (NPs) in the state of Nebraska. As a practicing orthopedic spine surgeon at Box Butte General Hospital, I have had the privilege of working closely with Nurse Practitioner Sarah Troester APRN and Jessica Hansen APRN and I can attest to the invaluable contributions NPs make to our healthcare team.

Expanding the scope of practice for mid-level nurse practitioners in Nebraska is not only a matter of ensuring optimal patient care, but also of meeting the growing healthcare demands of the state of Nebraska, especially in the rural health setting. Nurse practitioners are well-equipped through their education, training, and experience to provide a broad range of primary and specialized healthcare services. Empowering them to practice to the full extent of their training will improve access to care, particularly in underserved rural areas where healthcare providers are often scarce.

**I urge you to support the expansion of scope of practice for mid-level nurse practitioners in Nebraska in letting them supervise and run fluoroscopy.** This will advance patient-centered care, improve healthcare access, and optimize the utilization of our healthcare workforce in rural Nebraska. Nurse practitioners play a vital role in our healthcare system, and it is time to empower them fully to meet the evolving needs of our patient population.

Sincerely,

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