Katherine Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN President National Council of State Boards of Nursing 111 East Wacker Drive Suite 2900 Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Ms. Thomas:

The undersigned organizations, representing national specialty and state medical societies, are writing to request that the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) reconsider certain provisions of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact (APRN Compact) that alter state laws related to the scope of practice of APRNs.

We fully support efforts to streamline and modernize licensure for physicians and other health care professionals. In fact, many of the undersigned organizations support the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. In addition, many of the undersigned organizations have supported or have taken a neutral position on legislation to enact other health professional licensure compacts, including the Nurse Licensure Compact, PSYPACT and the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact. These compacts have a few critical things in common. Specifically, none of these compacts alter scope of practice laws, and all of them have enjoyed widespread success in state legislatures.

Of the health professional licensure compacts in existence, the APRN Compact is the only compact that changes the health professional's scope of practice. As a result, the APRN Compact is the only health professional licensure compact that the undersigned organizations have challenged. We strongly object to the use of interstate licensure compacts as a mechanism through which to expand scope of practice laws, and call on NCSBN to reconsider inclusion of the relevant sections.

Specifically, we ask that NCSBN remove or substantially revise APRN Compact Article III, Sections (f) and (h), which grant prescriptive authority and allow APRNs to practice independent of a supervisory or collaborative relationship with a physician, notwithstanding state law to the contrary.

Were NCSBN to revise the APRN Compact to align with the other health professional licensure compacts to focus on the APRN Compact's stated goal of facilitating license portability for APRNs, many of the undersigned organizations would consider support of or neutrality on APRN Compact legislation. We sincerely hope you will keep this consideration in mind as your Annual Meeting approaches.

Please contact Kristin Schleiter, JD, Senior Legislative Attorney, Advocacy Resource Center, at <a href="mailto:kristin.schleiter@ama-assn.org">kristin.schleiter@ama-assn.org</a> or (312) 464-4783 with any questions or comments.

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