PENNSYLVANIA COALITION OF NURSE PRACTITIONERS

Hello,

I wanted to let you know the latest in Harrisburg.

First, some good news: Senate Bill 25 passed the Senate committee vote 12-to-2, and we are now **pushing for a vote in the full Senate**.

Second: In the House, we learned this week that Rep. David Hickernell intends to introduce a new, separate piece of legislation that would encompass the NP pilot program discussed last session. He began circulating a **co-sponsorship memo** on Monday. The memo has the potential to cause confusion because it refers to PCNP's participation in discussions last year.

Let me be crystal clear: PCNP supports Full Practice Authority and does not support a pilot program.

What does this mean?

It means there will be two separate bills about NP practice: Senate Bill 25 (Full Practice Authority); and the bill that Rep. Hickernell introduces (it does not yet have a bill number).

It is common in Harrisburg for multiple bills to deal with similar issues. Our mission is to make clear to lawmakers what we support: SB25, Full Practice Authority. It will be more important than ever for members to contact their legislators to voice support for SB25.

What is PCNP doing about it?

PCNP told lawmakers and our coalition partners earlier this year that we oppose a pilot. We informed Chairman Hickernell of our opposition to the pilot. We are reiterating that message now in light of the co-sponsorship memo.

The biggest reason that PCNP does not support the pilot is that it would barely make an impact. After the end of last session, UPenn researchers determined that the pilot would have affected **just 47 NPs out of 16,100 NPs who practice in PA**.

What can you do to help?

The most important thing we can do is show that there is wide and active support for SB25 and move it through the Senate. If you haven't yet, please contact your Senator and urge

them to take action to move Senate Bill 25. **Click here for an easy template**.

Please **take action** ASAP. This week is a crucial one in Harrisburg, as lawmakers rush to complete the budget and other business before the summer break.

In solidarity,
Cheryl Schlamb, CRNP
President, PCNP