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HB 737

TO: Chairman Becker and Members House Human Services Committee

From: Bernard Connor PA-C

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Chairman Becker,

Kindly accept this letter in support of House Bill 737 presented by representative McNutt, "An Act Revising Physician Assistant Laws".

I have been a practicing Physician Assistant in Montana for the past 12 years, and have been active with the Montana Academy of Physician Assistants since 1995.

Montana has allowed physician assistants to be licensed and to practice under the supervision of physicians since the early 1970s. During this time PAs have enjoyed the ability to serve the citizens of the State in a variety of settings, most importantly in remote and under served areas. Our practices have been beneficial to the delivery of quality, cost effective health care to our patients.

House Bill 737 does not change the requirement for supervision, nor does it expand any scope of practice for PAs. It does better define that scope of practice and makes the supervision agreement a more meaningful and tangible document that better describes the relationship between the physician and the physician assistant.

In a time of change for health care administration and delivery, this act will simplify the law, making it easier to administer, and regulate the practice of physician assistants in the state. I strongly support this act, and beseech you and the committee members to act favorably in this regard.

Regards,

Bernard J Connor PA-C

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