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RE: HB 605

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Dear Chairman Mendenhall:

Chairman Mendenhall and members of the committee my name is Rae Lynn Christians. I have been a Registered Nurse for 16 years. I currently work in an emergency room as well as I own and operate a Legal Nurse Consulting Company. I am a proponent of HB 605 in my responsibilities as a nurse to protect and care for my patients I serve.

I have been anticipating the board of medical examiners establishment of medical assistance guidelines, education and standards of practice report and am disappointed to know this did not happen. It is my understanding that medical assistants are currently functioning as medical assistants with minimal to no governing bodies to assure patient safety. This could prove to be a disaster if we do not assign guidelines, safe practice measures and continuing education for these entities.

As we fight for patient safety and appropriate care, it is very alarming to think that loved ones could be receiving intravenous medications or any medication at all by a medical assistant while relying on the medical assistant to accurately assess and treat without appropriate training and education. In this scenario the responsibility lays in the doctors hands.

Registered Nurses do not have authority nor should nurses be required to assume the responsibility and liability to supervise medical assistants and should not agree to take such an assignment. Again, Doctors should assume the responsibilities of the minimally trained medical assistants, and not the RN's.

With HB 605 in place this will allow all of us as healthcare consumers the peace of mind that if we chose to go to a physician that utilizes medical assistance we can at least know there will be a scope of practice that provides guidelines and education for certification to ultimately result in safe patient care.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rae Lynn Christians RN'.

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