



The Ohio Society
of Anesthesiologists

December 3, 2019

The Honorable Shane Wilkin

The Honorable Jon Cross

77 South High Street

Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Representatives Wilkin and Cross:

On behalf of the Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA) and the Ohio Society of Anesthesiologists (OSA), we want to convey our position of neutral on HB 224-10, the CRNA scope of practice bill. This version is the result of numerous stakeholder meetings, conversations and hearings. We believe it represents a fair compromise that balances both the desire by CRNAs to have more authority while maintaining physician involvement and oversight that ensures the best quality of care for patients.

Included in HB 224-10 are the following key provisions:

- Allows CRNAs to order drugs, tests, intravenous fluids and treatments during the perioperative period if the facility has a policy delineating such authority
- Allows CRNAs to direct RNs, LPNs, and Respiratory Therapists to provide supportive care both within the perioperative period and within the facility
- Allows supervising physicians to opt out of the CRNA expanded authority if they believe it is in the best interest of the patient
- Clinical support functions are clarified for CRNAs and do not include ordering of drugs, tests, intravenous fluids or treatments.

Thank you for your countless hours and hard work on this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Monica Hueckel".

Monica Hueckel

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