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Representative Al Cutrona
77 S. High Street
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Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: Letter of Support SB 28 – Physician Assistant Licensure Compact

Dear Chairman Cutrona,

On behalf of military families and the Department of Defense, I am writing to express our support for the policy changes proposed in SB 28, the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact (PALC). This legislation addresses licensing issues affecting service members and their families.

My name is Shane Preston, and I am the Great Lakes Regional Liaison for the Defense-State Liaison Office, operating under the direction of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. Our mission is to be a resource to state policymakers as they work to address quality of life issues of military families.

The PALC seeks to eliminate barriers to interstate Physician Assistant practice, improve patient access to Physician Assistant services, and enhance public protection through a shared interstate licensure data system. Of additional benefit is the compact's utilization of a mutual recognition model of interstate practice, which enhances opportunities of portable careers for military spouses by providing consistent rules which allow licensed members to work in other states through "privilege to practice policies," or more easily transfer their license to a new state. Military families move every three years on average and the PALC helps military spouses relocate and begin work without delay by reducing the amount of time and effort needed to gain authorization to practice in a new state.

We appreciate the opportunity to support the policies outlined in SB 28. Joining the PALC will improve access to resources and allow military personnel and spouses to more easily maintain their certifications when relocating. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you have.

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