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Dear Governor :

The [\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_] Action Coalition would like to draw your attention to an important report produced by the National Governors Association (NGA) on how to address the challenges that states face with access to primary care and the cost of that care. We believe the NGA’s recommendations will be particularly useful here in [state] and would like to offer our support to implement these policies.

As you know, health care costs have rapidly risen over the last two decades, placing an enormous and growing burden on our state’s budget. Our state also suffers from a growing shortage of health professionals of all kinds and the shortage of crucial primary care services is even more dire. These shortages will grow as a significant percentage of [State] primary care providers are age 60 or older and can be expected to retire in the coming years.

The NGA report, “**The Role of Nurse Practitioners in Meeting Increasing Demand for Primary Care**,”[[1]](#footnote-1) demonstrates that advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) are a valuable resource for addressing these challenges. The report finds that APRNs are well-qualified to deliver certain primary care services and suggests that states expand utilization of APRNs to mitigate shortages. To properly utilize this resource, the NGA recommends changing restrictive scope of practice laws and assuring adequate reimbursement to incentivize greater APRN involvement in primary care.

The [state] Action Coalition[[2]](#footnote-2) is a diverse coalition of businesses, health systems, [other types of stakeholders] and nurses, is already working to ensure we have enough highly educated and trained APRNs to meet [state’s] health needs. Membership includes [list them or attach it if the list is long]. We would love to tell you more about our coalition and how we can improve our state’s fiscal and physical health by working together. We are happy to come to your office to speak with you or your staff in person. We will contact your office by phone to make arrangements or your staff can contact [\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_], who is the [\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_] Action Coalition contact for this issue, at [\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_].

Thank you for your time and support.

Sincerely,

[Your Names and Action Coalition Titles] (We recommend the Workgroup Co-leads)

1. <http://www.nga.org/cms/home/nga-center-for-best-practices/center-publications/page-health-publications/col2-content/main-content-list/the-role-of-nurse-practitioners.html> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. (insert web link to Action Coalition here) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)