**Proposed Rule RIN 2900–AP44-Advanced Practice Registered Nurses**

**Draft Letter**

* *Please feel free to use any or all of the draft language below to express to your representative or senator your support for full practice authority for all four categories of APRNs at the VA.*
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Dear Representative/Senator\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

Veterans deserve high-quality care when and where they need it. That is why I support the Veterans Health Administration’s proposed rule to improve veterans’ access to care by removing the barriers that keep advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) from providing the care they are trained and able to provide.

The public comment period has ended. Now we need our representatives in Congress to weigh in on this proposal that, in its entirety, would give veterans the care they deserve. As someone who cares about veterans, I urge you to let the White House know of your support for the proposed rule RIN 2900–AP44-Advanced Practice Registered Nursesfor **all four** categories of APRNS: nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, certified nurse-midwives, and certified registered nurse anesthetists. That all four categories be allowed to practice to the full extent of their education and training is important: For example, veterans need better access to pain management, as seen in just two findings from the independent assessment of the VHA mandated by Congress in 2014. That assessment tied a lack of anesthesia support to the fact that veterans had to wait longer for cardiovascular surgery and colonoscopy services than did those in the private sector.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue that will have such a big impact on veterans’ health.

Sincerely,