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MISSION

Healthy communities in which there is efficient, quality health care.



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Oregon Senate Committee on Health Care 900 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301

RE: Oregon Senate Bill (SB) 136 – Directs Board of Medical Imaging to issue permit to supervise fluoroscopy to qualified Advanced Practice Registered Nurse

Dear Senator Monnes Anderson and Members of the Committee,

My name is Virginia Razo, and as the Chief Executive Officer of Curry Health Network in Curry County, Oregon, I and am writing to you today in support of SB136

Curry Health Network is comprised of an 18-bed Critical Access Hospital in Gold Beach, and several medical clinics in the three municipalities of Curry County, Oregon. Curry General Hospital is the sole hospital serving the entire county, with all anesthesia services provided by Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA), which are Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. Curry Health Network and its patients depend on the CRNAs to perform to the fullest extent of their education and training allowed in the Nurse Practice Act.

Simply stated, CRNAs are the entirety of Curry Health Network's anesthesia department, and any restriction placed on a CRNA is a restriction placed on the department, and Curry General Hospital as a whole.

As a health system and rural hospital whose anesthesia department is comprised solely of CRNAs, the passage of SB136 would contribute to our ability to support our mission of healthy communities with access to efficient, quality health care by allowing Curry Health Network to provide as many health care services to our patients as possible, without their need to travel long distances for the same services.

Please contact me should you have any questions. I may be reached at virginia.razo@curryhealth.org or by calling 541.247.3108.

Best regards,

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