



May 7, 2021

The Honorable Phil Berger
Senate President Pro Tempore
16 West Jones Street, Room 2007
Raleigh, NC 27601

Re: The SAVE Act (Senate Bill 249)

Dear Senator Berger:

The Alliance for Connected Care (the Alliance) is an advocacy organization dedicated to facilitating the delivery of high-quality care using connected care technology. Our members are leading health care and technology companies from across the health care spectrum, representing insurers, health systems and technology innovators, and our Advisory Board includes more than 25 patient and provider groups.

We are writing to express our support for The SAVE Act (Senate Bill 249). This legislation would eliminate physician supervision requirements and grant full practice authority for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN). This bill would therefore allow APRNs to use the full extent of their education and training to provide care to patients. The Alliance believes APRNs should be able to perform at the top of their license in order to expand access and eliminate barriers to health care.

As a telehealth advocacy organization, the Alliance believes APRNs are an essential component to expanding access to care through the use of telehealth, especially for patients who live in hard-to-reach areas or experiencing provider shortages in their area. APRNs have also been critical to expanding access to care throughout the pandemic. Allowing APRNs to practice at the top of their licenses means allowing them to use all of their education and training to care for patients. Removing restrictions on APRNs to allow them to practice to the full extent of their education and training would increase consumer access to quality health care, address persisting barriers to care for vulnerable populations and/or patients living in provider shortage areas, and reduce unnecessary health care costs.

We hope the North Carolina Senate will consider moving this important legislation forward. Thank you for your consideration, we look forward to working with you on this important effort. Please contact Casey Osgood at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista Drobac".

Krista Drobac
Executive Director
Alliance for Connected Care