



The Honorable Phil Berger
Senate President Pro Tempore
North Carolina General Assembly
Legislative Building
16 West Jones Street
Raleigh, NC 27601

Re: Senate Bill 249

May 10, 2021

Dear President Berger:

Amazon is proud of the work we have the opportunity to do in North Carolina, and we look forward to continuing to support the state's customers and Amazon employees for the long haul. Amazon has over 27,000 employees in North Carolina who help to stand up the 5 fulfillment centers, 3 delivery stations, air gateway, and 2 Prime Now Hub locations we have across the state. We recently announced the launch of Amazon Care to further support our U.S. employees and their families by providing a new way to access high-quality medical care. This benefit enables employees to connect with medical professionals via chat or video conference to discuss healthcare concerns, eliminating lengthy wait times and travel to meet medical professionals as well as increasing opportunities for individuals in underserved areas to obtain healthcare more quickly.

On behalf of Amazon, I am writing to indicate our support for Senate Bill 249, the Safe, Accessible, Value-Directed, and Excellent (SAVE) Healthcare Act, to allow nurse practitioners to use their full education and training in practice in North Carolina. More than 2 million North Carolinians live in primary care shortage areas. This inadequacy is expected to worsen as the average age of the population grows; North Carolina already ranks 9th nationally in state with the highest proportion of population aged 65 and older. In 2025, one in five North Carolinians will be 65 or older. The SAVE Act will help improve access to care for this group of people and others.

I hope you will support the SAVE Act. Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to working with you on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maria Saab".

Maria Saab
Manager, Amazon Web Services Public Policy