The Honorable Tony Evers

Governor of Wisconsin

115 East State Capitol

Madison, WI 53707

RE: Please sign SB 394, Licensure for APRNs

Dear Governor Evers,

As one of the 90,000 registered nurses in Wisconsin, I respectfully request your support of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Practice Act legislation SB 394. SB 394 creates a separate license for those registered nurses who graduate with a Master’s or Doctorate in Nursing Practice Degree as a Certified Nurse Midwife, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, Clinical Nurse Specialist, or Nurse Practitioner. SB 394 contains the criteria and conditions to be licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse in Wisconsin. The legislation reflects the standards of practice and care that I have seen demonstrated by APRNs in my practice setting.

SB 394 will support patient access to care in the areas of the state, including rural, tribal, and urban where the need for healthcare providers is in very high demand. I believe that as the supply of APRNs increase and their ability to practice at the top of their license, care to the at-risk populations will expand and will make a difference in their health outcomes. The data shows that in 26 other states and U.S. Territories where licensed APRNs have the authority to practice to the full scope of their education, training and experience, access to care has increased. In addition, the data overwhelmingly demonstrates that APRNs provide quality, safe, and economical health care services.

SB 394 is good for the consumers of health care and supports the value of nursing care provided by Wisconsin’s 90,000 registered nurses and the 9,000 certified advanced practice nurse prescribers. APRNs support my practice which is good for patient outcomes.

It is for these reasons that I ask SB 394 be signed by you, Governor Evers. I thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,