The Honorable Tony Evers

Governor of Wisconsin

115 East State Capitol

Madison, WI 53707

RE: Sign SB 394, patient access to safe, quality and care delivered by Advanced Practice Registered Nurses.

Dear Governor Evers,

I am an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) and a board-certified Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS). I am contacting you to share the importance for the public, employers, and insurers to have a legally defined statue that reflects the required education, training, experience, and role expectations necessary to obtain licensure as an APRN as described and defined in SB 394, *The APRN Modernization Act*. The latest information from the Department of Safety and Professional Services, January 2022, reported that approximately, 10 percent or 9,000, of the Registered Nursing workforce are providing care and service throughout Wisconsin as Advanced Practice Nurse Prescribers (APNP). Many of my APNP colleagues are serving as the only primary care providers in our rural and tribal clinics, manufacturing clinic facilities, and neighborhood-based clinics for populations with high health disparities. APNPs are also providing care in acute care settings that include post-surgery, intensive care, and emergency departments.

My education, training and experience as a CNS has prepared me to provide direct advanced nursing care to patients in a variety of settings: hospitals, clinics, rehabilitation centers, and skilled nursing facilities. I conduct assessments, diagnose, develop and prescribe specialized treatment plans for specific patient populations and consult and collaborate with other members of the healthcare team to address the specialty care needs of patients and families. As a CNS I also integrate evidence-based healthcare services into clinical practice and contribute to the improvement of healthcare quality, clinical outcomes, safety and patient satisfaction and overall population health. I impact the advancement of nursing practice and contribute to the development of RNs, APRNs, and other healthcare professionals and drive health care system change, optimization, and cost-reducing efforts.

As an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, I want to practice to my full scope of practice. This can be achieved through SB 394 which will create separate licensure as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse. The criteria identified in SB 394, reflects licensure that will support patient protection and increase access to care for Wisconsinites.

I respectfully request, Governor Evers, that you sign SB 394 this session.