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 Nurse Practitioners.

Dear Governor Evers,

I am an Advanced Practice Nurse Prescriber and a board-certified Nurse Practitioner. 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 has prepared me to conduct comprehensive physical assessments, order and interpret diagnostic and laboratory tests; diagnose illness and disease, prescribe medication, teach my patients prevention strategies or minimize the effects of chronic health diseases, formulate treatment plans, and refer or consult with specialists when my patient is in need of health care providers that are beyond my expertise.

As an Advanced Practice Nurse Prescriber, 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.