**Sample letter for Senator Hesselbein and Senator Carpenter (you can paste your letter into your email and send)**

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Dear Senator Hesselbein Carpenter,

As a (Family Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Nurse Specialist working at ABC Family Practice Clinic in Whooville) I am writing to urge your support for (AB 154/SB145), *The APRN Modernization Act*. **(Add personal information here about your role/ what you do/how you provide safe, quality, accessible care to your patients in his/her district)**

This bill, sponsored by Senators Testin, Cabral-Guevera, and Roys, and Representative Magnafici, creates a separate license that updates decades-old language for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs): Nurse Practitioners, Certified Nurse Midwives, Clinical Nurse Specialists and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists.

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing has proposed this model legislation, and it has passed in 27 states so far, as well as the District of Columbia, and the V.A. system. Wisconsin is one of very few states that has proposed statutory language that includes all four types of APRNs.

This bill:

* Provides licensing for APRNs and describes the strict educational/experience requirements to obtain a license,
* Defines APRN scope of practice,
* Requires medical malpractice insurance coverage,
* Grants title protection for each APRN role,
* Standardizes professional titles to be consistent with the other states,
* Gives the Wisconsin Board of Nursing greater authority in regulating APRNs and APRN graduate schools.

The goals of AB 154/SB 145:

* Protect the public with truth and transparency regarding APRN practice,
* Update antiquated language to reflect the APRN practice and responsibilities that currently exist,
* Eliminate unnecessary barriers that have proven to provide no value to the delivery and safety of care,
* Increase patient access to high quality, cost-effective, health care services provided by APRNs,
* Set a high standard of safety in caring for our patients.

**Other language you can use:**

SB 145 reflects the conditions and responsibilities to practice safely as a licensed APRN in Wisconsin.

SB 145 will provide patients with access to quality, economical, safe and patient-focused care.

Wisconsin’s citizens need the care delivered by licensed APRNs now to meet the demands of health care.

Wisconsin’s population is aging. The workforce predictions from Wisconsin Hospital Association show a dire need for health care providers now--and worsening in the near future. APRNs have proven themselves ready during the COVID pandemic to fill the care needs, particularly in rural and urban underserved areas. APRNs provide access to care at no added cost to the state, no delay in the benefit to the consumer or the state and are a solution that has a track record of 50 years of success.

Please support AB 154/SB 145 which will support improved access to quality health care for your constituents. Thank you for your time in this important matter!

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