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Thank you for your time and commitment to being the voices of Missourians. I would love to be at the hearing in person, however my clinical and patient care duties do not allow for my absence. I have been a nurse in Missouri for 15 years and the last 4+ years I have practiced as a NP. In June of 2020 I became an unemployment statistic due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The irony of the situation is still hard to digest. In the process of trying to find gainful employment, I have constantly ran into road blocks regarding the collaborating physician rules for Missouri NPs. Missourians need access to care and we have NPs who can't practice their skills because of silly rules. In the age where we can Zoom, Facetime, send secure emails and even just make a phone call, having a mileage barrier is absurd. What magical thing can happen when your collaborating physician is within 75 miles from you? Are they going to stop their busy clinic day and jump into their car and drive to where I am practicing? Or am I going to send my patient to their clinic for assessment? No and no. Having some of these rules waived during the pandemic for the betterment of public health gave us the opportunity to see what NPs can do when given the ability to provide care without some of the restrictions. I have only been able to find part-time employment, which I am truly grateful for. However, I continue to job search for a full time position to better support my family and my passion to provide high quality care. I have even entertained the idea of starting my own practice, but again, hindered by the current laws in place. I have also started applying for nursing licenses in Full Practice Authority states as we are even entertaining the idea of relocating our family to be able to find a job that allows me to fully use my education and skills. I recently interviewed with a company out of Atlanta, Georgia that is wanting to expand to the great state of Missouri. They have a wonderful business plan where the utilize their NPs to run their clinics throughout the state of Georgia, South Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee. The collaborating physician comes 1 day a week to help with procedures, difficult cases, etc. They were hoping to implement a similar business model in Missouri, until I brought to light our current NP rules and collaborating physician requirements. The 75 mile barrier killed the deal. A company wanting to start a great practice in Missouri, bring jobs and much needed healthcare, and offer me the chance to practice my skills in a full time setting that I have been working for years to obtain, squashed by our simpleminded Missouri NP/CP rules. Having grown up in a rural farming community in North Missouri, I have fully experienced the lack of healthcare in rural Missouri. Nurse Practitioners are willing to go to these communities and be an advocate for their patients. We focus on education, prevention and a holistic approach to health. There is not a lack of patients. We are not going to steal a doctor's practice or livelihood. We have went through appropriate training, not to mention the many years of nursing experience that cannot be replaced by an academic program. Many of us now having a Doctorate degree. The wait time to see a primary care provider is ridiculous. If patients have access to care quickly, then we can often change the trajectory of the disease process in the patients favor and remove some of the burden on our already strained healthcare system. If we cannot learn from this

**pandemic, then we are oblivious. Many states have Full Practice Authority for nurse practitioners and their data speaks for itself. Their constituents are healthier because they have better access to care. Missourians need you to be their voice for better access to healthcare. Please support removing these barriers placed on NPs to provide care. Thank you for your time and dedication to improving the lives of Missourians,Alaina Wyatt-Durk, DNP, FNP-BC**



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My name is Amanda Kurtz and I am an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN). The infrastructure on which the American healthcare system rests is under an extreme burden. I am writing to you to demonstrate the need for the removal of the antiquated and unnecessary barriers that currently inhibit access to high-quality health care provided by Missouri's APRNs. People have limited access to care, providers are overburdened, and advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) are underutilized. The Institute of Medicine (IOM) report came out over a decade ago and progress has been slow. Our healthcare system is ranked among the highest in cost and lowest on positive outcomes on almost any scale among developed countries. It is time for a change in our healthcare. If we do not lift some of these restrictions many APRNs near the border in Missouri will continue to cross state lines to practice in other states that allow them to practice in accordance with their education and training. Losing APRNs to borders states will only continue to create further healthcare access issues. I currently practice in Holt County, Missouri. I have a collaborating physician within 50 miles of my practice, but he will be retiring in the next couple of years. Once he retires, I will have a difficult time finding another collaborator. There are many APRNs and physician assistants in every county of Missouri, but many won't be able to find a collaborator. I will face many issues to try and continue to practice in Missouri if we do not remove some of these restrictions. Just to name a few barriers; the cost of chart reviews, rural location, large organizations that do not allow collaborating physicians to collaborate with anyone outside their organization, decrease in MD/DOs in my region, and mileage requirements. There is no shortage of patients requiring health care. Now more than ever, health care providers are desperately needed in every corner of the state. Most current APRNP-owned clinics are set up in rural and medically underserved areas, often serving as the only provider available in those areas. Governor Parson suspended these unnecessary barriers during a pandemic for good reason. And the health care system has not collapsed. In fact, the state is better off because of the suspensions. I hope you take these barriers into consideration when you vote.



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To Whom It May Concern My name is Brandon Forester and I am a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) practicing in rural Southwest Missouri. I have 18 years of healthcare experience. I have worked in a variety of roles, but all have been serving rural communities. I became a Nurse Practitioner in 2011. In 2013 I started my own practice serving uninsured and underinsured people with a direct service self pay business model. For the first four years, I operated as a mobile clinic. In 2017, I had the opportunity to settle my practice into a permanent location in the small farming community of Pierce City, Missouri where I served until just recently. Pierce City is located right on the border of Barry and Lawrence counties. Like 109 of the 114 counties in Missouri, both Barry and Lawrence counties are health care professional shortage areas. My practice in Pierce City afforded me opportunities to serve the uninsured and underinsured populations. I worked hard to negotiate discounted rates with labs and imaging companies. These special pricing agreements allowed me to offer services at a fraction of what our clients would have paid at traditional clinics or hospitals. For example, an x-ray at our clinic costs \$65. They often cost several hundred dollars at nearby facilities. By offering a wide variety of services at affordable prices, our clients were able to avoid unnecessary and expensive trips to the ER. I'm very proud of the practice I built in Pierce City, but it almost didn't happen. Current Missouri regulations are burdensome for Nurse Practitioners. Nurse Practitioners are required to maintain a collaborative practice agreement with a physician. Finding a collaborator can be a real hurdle for NPs who want to start a private practice. The majority of physicians are in large corporate practices and have contracts that prevent them from collaborating outside of their corporation. This leaves a much smaller pool of private practice physicians as potential collaborators. In rural Missouri where I practice, private practice physicians are rare. The pool gets even smaller when you factor in regulations that require NPs to practice within a defined geographic proximity of their collaborators. I happen to be one of the lucky ones to have found a collaborator that meets the regulatory requirements. However, if my collaborator were to move beyond the geographic proximity limitation, or for any reason decides to terminate our collaborative practice agreement, my ability to practice advanced nursing would end immediately. There are numerous small communities in Missouri that would have NP clinics open and operating in them today if it weren't for the regulatory barriers. The collaborative practice requirement also adds a significant financial burden. Current regulation requires NPs entering into a new collaborative practice agreement to spend the first 30 days physically present with the physician. In August 2017, the month before opening in Pierce City, I spent 30 days at my collaborator's practice without pay to meet that regulatory requirement. Between opening in August 2017 and year's end 2020 I paid \$84,609.86 in fees to my collaborator. These are funds that I would have otherwise reinvested into my practice. I had envisioned expanding my services to a neighboring community by opening a second location. However with a second location, I would have needed to employ another Nurse Practitioner. This meant I would have needed to recruit another physician that

would be willing to collaborate with them, and then pay that NP to spend the first 30 days with their new collaborator with no income generated. I would also have had the additional expense of the collaborative agreement with the new physician. If I were successful in negotiating that process, I would still be left with the risk of the NP resigning or the physician terminating the agreement. I would then have to go through the same process again. As I hope it is clear to see, the requirement for a collaborative practice with a physician creates significant risks and barriers for NP to practice in rural communities. I advocate for Missouri to follow the lead of 22 other states and the District of Columbia and release Nurse Practitioners to practice to the full extent of their education by removing as many regulatory barriers as possible. Thank you for granting me the opportunity to share my thoughts with you regarding these matters.



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March 17, 2021 Greetings, My name is Carl Smith. I am a graduate of the University of Missouri, where I earned my Master of Science in Nursing—Family Nurse Practitioner degree in 2012. I hold national certifications as a Family Nurse Practitioner and as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. Overall, I have been in the nursing field for 21 years. I have been in private practice in Joplin, Missouri with another family-certified NP colleague and Mizzou grad since 2012 where we co-own a primary care practice. We enjoy taking care of patients and providing a much-needed service in our community. We opened our practice because as former hospital ER Nurses, we saw many patients constantly who lacked affordable access to primary care. Which is why many of them land in the ER with problems that could have been prevented with access primary care. I am working today with a full-patient schedule and therefore unable to appear in person. That is why I am providing written testimony in support of the advancement to full-practice authority for Missouri’s nurse practitioners.

**PRACTICE BARRIERS** Physician-Collaboration The practice environment for advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) in Missouri is quite challenging. The requirement to have a physician collaborator is the biggest and most expensive barrier we face. Physician collaborators are not easy to find. And, when the physician collaborator decides to discontinue collaboration, we must stop practicing immediately. This has happened to us four times over a six-year period. One of our closures last for over 3 months! Much to the detriment of our patients; many of whom do not know of, let alone understand Missouri practice statutes. As a result, continuity of care is often abruptly halted without warning in many instances. Our patients count on us to be here, the same as they do of other professions of whom they rely upon. Patients are left without care, scrambling to find a provider on short notice. We have seen many patients simply forego care because of this practice. They cannot even get their prescriptions refilled when this happens. In some cases, this can become a life-or-death situation. Although, it should never come to this. Employment Our clinic provides employment for myself and my co-owner NP colleague, as well as for 5 other staff members (RN, LPN, and Clinic Techs), all whom rely on our clinic for employment and benefits to provide for themselves and their families. When we must close due to loss of a collaborator, this impacts many others beyond APRNs in ways many may not have considered previously. Health Professional Shortage This problem is further compounded by the fact that Joplin, like most of Missouri has been designated a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) by the Federal Health Resources and Services Administration. Additionally, there are many physician practices in our area that are closed to new patients. This situation puts thousands of Missourians at constant risk. Often, the only care open to them are Urgent and Emergency Departments (at a considerably increased cost and inconvenience). Add the current pandemic situation and this problem is further exacerbated as we have seen our hospitals and health systems stretched to the limit. During this time, several states recognized the contribution of APRNs and granted full-practice authority. As I mentioned previously, I am also certified in mental health. The mental health care shortages are also at

critical levels. The largest mental health organization in my community is now down by six prescribers. Late last year they inquired if I was available to help with their caseload, but suddenly another psychiatrist left his position, and thus they did not have enough physician collaborators available for them to legally add readily available qualified mental health APRNs to their staff. As a result, many of their patients are left with significantly extended waiting periods to be seen. All at a time when the need for prompt access to mental healthcare is at an all-time high for this vulnerable population; many of whom will land in Missouri's ERs in crisis or worse.

**Unfair Costs** Similarly, related to the barrier of required physician collaboration, is the cost of this collaboration. We have always had to pay physician collaboration fees. This is a significant burden as our current cost for collaboration is \$20,800 per year. This situation is unfair—as it is a burdensome cost that other professionals outside of the APRN profession do not incur. We are not asking for special treatment, rather we only are asking to be allowed to fully practice to the extent our profession. Patients have a right to choose whom they prefer for healthcare. And many of them choose APRNs. For the sake of all Missourians, it is time to allow APRNs full-practice authority.

Respectfully submitted, Carl H. Smith, MSN APRN FNP-C PMHNP-BC



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The great need for **HEALTH CARE ACCESS** in both rural and urban Missouri- 109 of 114 counties in Missouri are health care professional shortage areas- All counties in Missouri are mental health care professional shortage areas-TMC is the communities' mental health network- Even physician groups admit that there are significant voids in numbers of health care providers- APRNs near the border in Missouri cross state lines to practice in other states that allow them to practice in accordance with their education and training, creating further access issues- NPs and PAs exist in every county of Missouri but many can't find a collaborator due to physician shortage. **COST SAVINGS USING APRNs-** Countless studies have proven that removing restrictions on APRNs will save millions of dollars in health care spending due to preventative health care services, high quality care, and access to care so patients limit ED usage. - APRNs help reduce hospital admissions/re-admissions in both acute and long term care- APRNs help reduce ER visits- Cost savings for health care are even more critical with Medicaid expansion- Over 75% of Missouri APRNs accept Medicaid/Medicare**OVERREGULATION OF NPs-** Current regulations are unnecessarily inhibiting access to health care for some of the most vulnerable citizens- Current regulations are driving up the cost of health care and physicians incur and want more money to collaborate.- One profession currently regulates another by requiring an agreement to practice- Many conservative think tanks support the removal of these regulations to free up the health care market**OTHER KEY POINTS-** Missouri health care rankings (access and quality) are some of the worst in the United States. States who allow NPs to practice to their level of education and training typically have better health care outcomes.- The sky is not falling in other states where restrictions have been removed.- Governor Parson suspended these unnecessary barriers during a pandemic for good reason. And the health care system has not collapsed. In fact the state is better off because of the suspensions. We have continued to practice strongly, utilizing our physician and non physician colleagues in consultation when needed. NPs are not as educated as physicians, we are not trying to be physicians, rather, we are trying to provide holistic, high quality health care based upon the nursing model. We continue to collaborate with physicians and other NPs and PAs in their respective areas when needed. Patients continue to receive amazing care.



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I support HB84 that appears to grant more autonomy to APRNs. Missouri has lost and will continue to lose highly skilled medical providers to other states that do not place restrictions on their practice by having an MD sign off on their work without these modifications. APRNs are just as qualified and generally more attuned to an individual patient's needs than an attending physician who is responsible for many patients. As we all know, we need to attract and retain as many talented and qualified medical professionals, regardless of their degree, to care for our aging and rural populations. While this bill does not appear to grant full autonomy to APRNs, it does at least remove some of the more unnecessary barriers to providing patient care.



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**AMNP wholeheartedly endorses the provisions contained within HB 84. This bill helps address health care access issues and does a number of things to address health care quality and cost savings. We encourage the committee to adopt HB 84.**



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Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you in support of HB 84. My name is Elise Schaller. I have been licensed as a registered nurse (RN) for 13 years and recognized as an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) for over 10 years. I hold a pediatric board certification in primary care and a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) academic degree. I will complete a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) academic degree this summer. Currently, I am an Assistant Teaching Professor at the University of Missouri – St. Louis for baccalaureate and DNP students. I am an active member of the St. Louis Pediatric Nurse Practitioner group and the advocacy committee of the Association of Missouri Nurse Practitioners. I am here today to discuss barriers to APRN practice. My ability to practice is impacted by the restrictive laws in our state. After 10 years of APRN practice as a Hospitalist Nurse Practitioner at an urban Missouri children’s hospital, I changed careers to work in academia full-time. By doing so, my collaborative practice agreement was dissolved. I am now an experienced APRN unable to provide highly-skilled and advanced quality care to Missouri’s children due to the requirement to hold a collaborative practice agreement (CPA). When the COVID-19 pandemic began to spread in Missouri, like many healthcare providers, I felt called to action. Due to the barriers to APRN practice in our state, I was unable to provide medical care in a time of crisis. The barriers to APRN practice within a CPA are detrimental to the health of Missouri residents. Governor Parson acknowledged the burden of these APRN restrictions on health care access for Missourians and suspended these barriers three times in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of Governor Parson’s action, Missouri APRNs are able to provide high quality care in rural and underserved communities during the largest health care crisis of our time. The response of our Governor, suspending the barriers, validates the APRN practice barriers in our state are unnecessary and restrict access to health care for Missourians. Missouri lacks sufficient physician primary care providers leading to limited primary care services for rural Missourians. The majority of APRNs choose to work in primary care practice and are more likely to move to or practice in rural areas than physicians. Removing restricted practice laws for APRNs is a solution to the shortage of access to primary care services especially in rural Missouri. Enhanced access to primary care services using APRNs will improve health status of Missourians, decrease emergency visits, hospitalizations, and readmissions. More than 12,000 APRNs in Missouri, including myself, are ready and willing to provide health care services to rural and underserved communities. In summary, as an experienced APRN and educator, I am asking for your support of HB 84. The reduction in current practice restrictions in this bill would allow APRNs to increase access to care, improve health status of Missouri residents, and decrease health expenditure. Thank you for considering HB 84.





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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Jen Bernstein and I am submitting this testimony in support of HB 84 on behalf of the National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis (NCJWSTL). NCJWSTL is a non-profit organization in metropolitan St. Louis, representing over 5,000 members and supporters throughout the state. We focus our work on community service, advocacy, education and philanthropy to improve the quality of life for women, children and families while supporting individual and civil rights, and have been doing so since 1895. HB 84 would eliminate requirements for collaborative practice agreements between physicians and APRNs. The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health observes that the changing landscape of health care and the changing profile of the U.S. population will require fundamental shifts in the care delivery. The Covid pandemic further highlighted concerns about a shortage of primary care health professionals. If passed, this bill would enable advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) to help build the workforce necessary to meet the country's primary care needs and contribute their unique skills to the delivery of patient-centered, community-based health care. Right now, although APRNs are highly trained and able to provide a variety of services, they are prevented from doing so because of barriers, including Missouri state law. This bill removes current requirement to post a notice at every office, the geographic proximity requirement, the requirement that the physician review the APRNs health care services and the completion of a one-month practice period before practicing without the collaborating physician being continuously present. For those concerned about how this might impact the prescribing of controlled substances, the bill maintains collaborative practice agreements for APRNs wishing to prescribe controlled substances. NCJWSTL encourages you to vote yes on HB 84.



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Missouri Family Health Council, Inc. supports this legislation because it removes barriers that limit provision of care, addresses urgent needs within the current Missouri public health landscape, and increases health equity. Especially as highlighted by the pandemic, there is additional urgency to increase the number of providers, particularly among primary care. Removing unnecessary collaborative practice requirements prescribed by current law, such as those contained in this bill, increases access to primary and preventive care, including family planning and maternal-child health services. APRNs being able to practice to the fullest extent of their education and training provides more entry points to care and increases delivery of quality health services to Missourians throughout the state. We are proud to support diverse systems of care in delivering patient-centered services to all in need, while meeting the demands of our current public health challenges. We thank you for the work you do and urge Committee members to vote Do Pass on HB 84. Thank you.





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I am the president of St Louis Nurses in Advanced Practice and the co-chair of the NP/PA council of BJC. I represent over 2000 APRN's in the State of Missouri. Personally I worked as an emergency room nurse for 6 years at Barnes and then became an APRN. I have been an APRN for 12 years at SSM and now BJC. Recently my collaborating physician retired. He had a panel of 3000 patients, many of which had always seen me. I had to find a physician to agree to collaborate with me or thousands of patients would have had to find another provider. Although I work in suburban St Louis, many physicians are not taking new patients. Luckily I was able to find a physician who was very confident in my ability to manage my own patient panel but he still has to co-sign my charts, sign off on my home health orders, certain controlled substances, be within 50 miles of me and sometimes gets called about patients who are mine because many people in the medical community are resistant about nurse practitioners managing their own patients. The barriers in place are a hindrance to patient access and also patient satisfaction. I encourage you to support this bill so that we can save millions of dollars on healthcare spending, reduce hospital admissions/re-admissions, improve access to care and improve patient satisfaction (many of my patients prefer to see a nurse practitioner for their primary care). Thank you.



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**TESTIMONY on House Bill 84** First and foremost, thank you for the opportunity to write to you in support of HB 84. My name is Nicholas Fleming. I have been licensed in the state of Missouri as a registered nurse (RN) for 5 years. Currently, I am pursuing a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) academic degree at the University of Missouri-St. Louis in order to be recognized as an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN). As a future APRN, I am grateful to be writing to you today in full support of HB 84, which would remove limitations of APRNs working in collaborative practice arrangements in the state of Missouri. One of the main concerns in the healthcare industry is the overall shortage of primary care physicians in the state of Missouri. Projections have been made that a 18% increase, or 687 primary care physicians, will need to join the workforce to meet the primary care provider workforce shortage by 2030. Advanced practice nurses including nurse practitioners (NPs) play an integral role in providing healthcare services to many of Missouri's citizens, notably underserved and rural regions. However, under current state legislation, APRN practice is restricted by laws governing collaborative agreements with physicians and geographic proximity requirements. As a current student and future APRN, it is disheartening to see supporters for full practice authority be continuously rejected and denied when Missouri is in a dire need to provide safe and effective healthcare to all citizens of the state. To provide evidence of supporting HB 84, I identified peer-reviewed research providing evidence that APRNs provide just as safe and effective treatment comparable to physician services. In 2018, the Cochrane Collaboration included a review of reports from 25 articles comparing patient outcomes of both physicians and APRNs. The most substantial findings from the review included, APRNs:•      Probably provide equal or even better quality of care compared to primary care physicians;•      Offered longer consultations during visits with high return follow up rate;•      Probably achieved higher levels of patient satisfaction; and•      Probably achieved equal or better patient health outcomes. Additional studies found states allowing full practice authority for APRNs resulted in lower risk of preventable hospitalizations and emergency room usage. Thus, it easily can be concluded that the time has come for APRNs to receive full support from legislators to practice independently. This means removing the collaborative practice agreement. The rising cost of health care is a concern for individuals, families, and society as a whole. These rising costs will only be intensified by the growing population and the overall shortage of primary care physicians in the state of Missouri. However, states that have advocated for APRNs to advance to full practice authority have demonstrated cost-effectiveness due to NPs providing quality primary care services at lower cost than physicians. APRNs are competent and qualified healthcare providers who deliver healthcare in a wide variety of settings and roles. APRNs are nurses educated at the graduate level with coursework including advanced clinical assessment,

advanced clinical diagnostics, and advanced pharmacology. The Institute of Medicine recommended all health care professionals be permitted to practice at the highest level of their education. So, I pose the following question to you: Why are APRNs required to practice under unnecessary and inappropriate supervision, when they are clearly capable of practicing independently? Permitting APRNs in the state of Missouri to practice to the greatest extent of their knowledge, education, and ability would contribute to a healthcare system that could efficiently meet the needs of the people of Missouri. The passing of HB 84 is a critical step in the right direction of healthcare in Missouri. House Bill 84 is designed to provide the citizens of Missouri with safe and cost-effective healthcare. Support for HB 84 would prove to current and future APRNs, like myself, that legislators view their constituents' health and well-being at the forefront of societal issues. Passage of HB 84 will provide critical support for current APRNs and future APRNs. Thank you!



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I have been a nurse practitioner in Missouri for almost 6 years. In that time I have provided care in a safety net clinic providing care for the homeless and underserved in the city I live. I have helped thousands of patients get access to healthcare. Clinics like the one where I have practices are continuously hindered by the restrictions Missouri imposes on their Nurse Practitioners. And I am so thankful that Missouri is taking a step in the right direction by hearing this bill today. It is absolutely CRUCIAL for Missouri to remove any barriers to nurse practitioners providing care to those in our state. If COVID taught us anything, it is that any barrier to healthcare is unjust. Nurse practitioners provide vital health services for citizens across the state. However, Nurse Practitioners are forced to adhere to outdated geographic proximity restrictions, time consuming chart reviews (which is even more time consuming for their physician collaborators), and a one-month collaboration where the nurse practitioner must wait until completed to provide care. States across the nation are taking action and allowing Nurse Practitioner to practice at the top of their license and independently (many after a period of several thousand hours of collaboration). These changes could open up the doors to citizens of Missouri to access care including preventative services that could be lifesaving. It is time for Missouri to put the health of its citizens first and opening up access by removing barriers to practice for Nurse practitioners can help make that happen. Organizations, like mine, can then put an even bigger focus on the care we provide to those who would otherwise not be able to receive it, and less attention on restrictions that make that care more difficult to provide.



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Due to the covid-19 Pandemic, I worked independently with little oversight for the past year My collaborating pulmonologist was required to work the Covid units and I was left to see all new patients as we'll established Pulmonology patients in out practice. I managed both chronic as well as acute illness and prevented many hospital admissions du to acute exacerbations. I also worked up several new patients with lung nodules that required biopsy and surgery due to diagnosed cancer. I truly made a difference in the lives of our Pulmonology patients and felt very good about finding early lung cancers and getting those patients referred for immediate surgical and oncology care. I have proven that I can function to the fullest of my training and ability as an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner. I provide services in our rural community that otherwise would not have been available to those we serve. Please take this and many other examples into consideration during this critical decision.



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Good Evening: My name is Shanna Chapman. I am a Family Nurse Practitioner in Southwest Missouri. I appreciate your time of reading this testimony. I and one other NP are the ONLY providers in Barry, Lawrence, Stone, Newton, and Dade counties to provide pediatric forensic exams. It requires special credentialing and training. All physicians refer these patients to Mrs. Ingalls and me to complete the exams. These are highly specialized, and the exams are performed in a concerted effort and reviewed by the top Forensic Physician in Missouri. Myself and Mrs. Ingalls work hand in hand with local law enforcement, Juvenile Officers, Children's Division, DEA, Homeland Security and on occasion the FBI. Without NPs willing to provide this service, the child and all team members would have to travel to Kansas City, Columbia, or St. Louis. Imagine if you were this child, you had just been sexually abused by your uncle or maybe you are a teenager that was raped by an unknown perpetrator, or maybe your 2-year-old was just physically abused by their babysitter. Instead of these children being able to be treated locally, they would have to be transported 4-5 hours away. Not only is that an expense to the family but also the state as law enforcement, the juvenile officers, and Children's Division would also have to travel this far, costing the government money as well as taking them out of service if any other emergencies should arise. Nurse Practitioners have been fulfilling this role. Physicians can become trained and credentialed to provide this service; however, to date; there are no physicians willing to do this except in St Louis, Kansas City and Columbia. This leaves the rest of the state without a physician providing these exams. Currently, we have a collaborating physician locally, but she does not see patients. However, once the pandemic regulations are returned, we will lose that collaborator. It is EXTREMELY hard to find a collaborator due to all of the regulations and low pay of this position. Our physician mentor in Kansas City reviews all charts but this does not meet the criteria of the collaborator. PLEASE consider removing the needless restrictions placed on our practice. It does not seem logical that I have a collaborator in name only that is paid from the Crime Victims Fund from the state of Missouri. She never lays eyes on the patients. This is a needless expense when we struggle to get the funds from legislators every year. Our mentor who is in Kansas City is the physician that we speak to after EVERY case. She also helps us prepare for Court, updates our learning, credentials, critiques, and evaluates. However, as wonderful as she is, she is unable to be our collaborator due to the law. Please consider removing these restrictions and save the state of Missouri a significant amount of money. One last example that I want to provide..... the Children's Advocacy Clinic has a clinic in Nevada. They only have one part time Nurse Practitioner to provide their exams. She recently had surgery and had to be out. While myself and my other colleague was willing to provide service, we could not legally do that as it was outside of the mileage limitation of the collaborative practice agreement. The children that needed exams had to be sent to Kansas City as well as the Children's Division Workers and Law Enforcement. This was a significant cost to the state of Missouri that did not need to occur. Please do not hesitate to contact myself if you have any questions or need clarification

on the testimony provided. With Respect: S. Chapman, DNP, FNP-C, FAANP, APRN



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In May 2020 my position as a nurse practitioner was eliminated as a COVID related cost saving measure, displacing over 150 special needs, disabled, and debilitated patients without the qualified care they both require and deserve. Parents already struggling with becoming the home room teacher, juggling unpaid bills, and experiencing the fatigue of being a full-time care giver, were now being told they would have to drive to St. Louis, Kansas City or Columbia Missouri for the sometimes; monthly appointments required for their special needs child. Individuals who rely on an internal medication pump to help them control severe spasms are notified that they too, must travel over 300 miles to have their pump adjusted or refilled. Families bringing home their loved one after a severe stroke no longer had a provider to reach out to with questions or needs regarding neurological deficits their loved one is experiencing. Patients died because of fatal baclofen withdraw. After a lot of tears and prayers, I made the decision to cash in my 401k, cut my household income, take out a personal loan and contact a business attorney to complete LLC paperwork. In June I started Your Health Consultant, a physical medicine and rehabilitation clinic to meet the needs of individuals with adaptive and mobility needs because of spinal cord injuries, paralysis, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy and brain injury in Springfield Missouri and the surrounding area. This was not without difficulty mind you, because of the collaborative practice requirement and restrictive practice authority in Missouri. As a result of the DHS waiver put into place by Governor Parsons, I was able to negotiate a collaborative practice agreement with a physician in Columbia Missouri, an agreement that expires with the waiver because of the distance requirement. Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and more specifically, Intrathecal Baclofen Pump and spasticity management, is an outpatient specialty not widely available in the Springfield area. My practice, Your Health Consultant, can fill this healthcare gap, if I am able to maintain the collaborative practice agreement required by the state of Missouri. When the waiver expires in May 2021, I will no longer have a qualified physician available to me, that is genuinely experienced and knowledgeable enough to support me collaboratively based on the current requirements. I may be forced to close my practice, and once again withdraw the care needed by many to help maintain their independence, mobility, function, and quality of life. Having restrictive practice lifted will mean the difference between functional independence or dependence, neurological recovery or decline following a brain injury, and even life or death for individuals with baclofen pumps.



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I am testifying to the restrictive nature of current required collaborative practice agreements in order for nurse practitioners (NP) to provide proven safe and high quality care, in particular to a patient population many times left in a void of care. I am a triple board certified, psychiatric (FPMHNP-BG), geriatric (GNP-BC) and family practice FNP-NP) nurse practitioner. I specialize in geriatric psychiatry in the nursing home/long-term care setting. This need has exploded with the adverse effects of months of total isolation of the residents in these facilities, ie: severe levels of anxiety, depression, and psychosis (hallucinations, delusions ...). There are very few psychiatric providers, including MDs in most of not all states, and even fewer willing or able to go into the nursing homes/long term care facilities. This leaves this very vulnerable population with a lack of proper, deserved care for their often debilitating psychiatric illnesses. Recently during the COVID pandemic when these facilities were not allowing outside individuals inside, I established a tele-psych protocol and was able to successfully continue visits, but after 4 months was no longer able to continue due to changes in my employer thus loss of my collaborator. I want so bad to get back to treating my geriatric psych patients who need in-home services but am not able to find an MD who is within the required geographic specifications we must follow under the current collaborative practice guidelines or who has the time to collaborate due to their own high workload. On top of all this, the cost of paying a collaborator is a large burden on the nurse practitioner when not covered by an employer, especially being reimbursed at a much lower rate than our MD colleagues by Medicare and other insurers. I am respectfully asking for your support of this bill that would reduce the many current barriers MO NPs face in trying to provide the highest quality of care to our patients in need, oftentimes from the most underserved populations. I, myself am all about working collaboratively with all my colleagues, as I've seen with other NPs too. We simply ask to be allowed to practice to the full scope of our education and certification without the currently required, restrictive collaborative practice agreements. Thank you, Tamara McGuire DNP, FPMH-NP, GNP-BC, FNP-BC



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Written Testimony in Support of HB 84 by LeadingAge Missouri March 22, 2021 Hearing before the House Committee on Health & Mental Health Policy LeadingAge Missouri (LA MO) is a membership association for largely non-profit, benevolent senior living and healthcare providers. LA MO represents 130 aging services organizations throughout Missouri that offer the full continuum of senior living and healthcare alternatives, including nursing homes, assisted living, independent living, hospice, adult day care and home & community-based services --- often on a single campus. LA MO members are significant employers of nursing professionals and deeply interested in the market availability and qualifications of all levels of nurses. Today there is a substantial need among aging services providers for more healthcare personnel educated and qualified to undertake broader aspects of older adult care. For that reason, LA MO supports HB 84 to expand the legal practice rights of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) in Missouri. As LA MO's CEO, I hear the needs of Missouri senior care providers. The biggest needs and challenges – both exacerbated by the current COVID-19 pandemic – are: 1.) Medicaid reimbursement that covers the cost of care provided by nursing home and home care services (there is presently a \$20+ per patient/per day gap between average MOHealthNet reimbursement and nursing home costs), AND 2.) Attracting and retaining qualified healthcare personnel to senior care – especially nurses. Industry statistics and common knowledge posit that the largest generation in our nation's history is starting to consume aging services. The challenge of serving aging Baby Boomers is upon us. LA MO members desperately need and want more and higher-qualified personnel, and LA MO members believe APRNs – practicing to the full extent of their graduate level education and training – can help address current and expected Missouri shortages of healthcare workers. HB 84 supports this result. It addresses the demand – most critical in rural areas - for medical services in a reasonable, cost-effective way. Further, HB 84 makes the APRN profession a more attractive career option in Missouri. HB 84 will attract qualified APRNs to the State to meet needs. Studies have shown APRNs populate states with fewer barriers to practice. Missouri should become one of those states. In very defensible ways, HB 84 will reduce barriers to APRN practice and grow the caregiver workforce for Missourians who need them. LA MO members also tell me that many doctors have stopped making visits to senior care facilities. If allowed to practice to a fuller extent of their education and training, as in other states, APRNs can help solve this long-term care problem. Many APRNs have advanced training in primary and geriatric care – both in critical short supply at most long-term care communities. In addition, LA MO members know from participation in nursing home studies that there is a significant positive correlation between full practice APRNs and hospital readmission rates for Medicare rehabilitation patients. LA MO members understand that full practice APRNs decrease hospitalization for Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries. Missouri has an interest in making hospital beds available. LA MO member experience is that APRNs reduce healthcare

**costs and improve the quality of care in LTC communities and keep seniors from making unnecessary hospital visits. Properly deployed, APRNs improve the quality of life for MO seniors and other Missourians – especially in small towns and rural areas. We need to allow APRNs to work more independently – to the full extent of their training and graduate level education – so more Missouri seniors can benefit from, or simply access, quality health care. LeadingAge Missouri and its members believe HB 84 will improve healthcare for Missouri seniors. We ask for your help by advancing the bill. Respectfully submitted, William B. Bates, CEO, LeadingAge Missouri**



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**I am in Opposed to this Bill. We NEED Oversight and Assurances for the Safety of All Missourians!**



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**MAOPS is opposed to HB 84 as we believe any independent APRN licensure should be under the Board of Healing Arts.**



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I truly believe that we are doing a disservice to citizens by lowering the bar for those providing their healthcare services. We have Medical Doctors graduating from Medical School with their MD or DO, yet unable to get into residency due to shortages of positions. This is where we must direct our focus in order to relieve the physician shortage. Not by lowering the bar.



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Dear Chairman Stephens and Members of the Health and Mental Health Policy Committee, My name is Heidi Miller, MD, and I serve as the Medical Director for the St. Louis Regional Health Commission (RHC). On behalf of the organization, I am providing written testimony for informational purposes only on HB 84. The RHC is a non-profit organization with the mission to improve access to health care, health outcomes, and health equity in the St. Louis region. We represent hospital systems, community health centers, non-profits, providers, and patients. One of our core priorities is to help develop the St. Louis health care work force to expand access to quality health care services. In addition to serving as the Medical Director for the RHC, I am a primary care physician at a community health center in St. Louis City. I rely on my team, especially nurses and nurse practitioners, to provide coordinated, quality care. In principle, the RHC supports legislation that expands advanced practice registered nurses' (APRNs) scope of practice; however, this specific legislation is more complicated. While the RHC endorses specific components of HB 84, we find other provisions troublesome. The RHC supports authorizing health care providers to safely practice at the top of their license in order to meet the demand for health care utilization in Missouri, especially in the health care safety net. Missouri suffers from a shortage of primary care providers. This issue especially affects rural areas across the state. According to Washington University's Institute of Public Health, for Missouri to maintain current rates of primary care utilization, the state would need an additional 687 primary care physicians by 2030. Expanding the scope of practice of APRNs could help alleviate some of the burden from physician shortage. We strongly support that APRNs have more authority to prescribe controlled substances, as outlined in HB 84. This change would improve patient safety by expanding care options and improving continuity of care, while becoming commensurate with other states. With the significant rise of regional opioid overdose deaths in the past year, it is more critical than ever that Missouri has sufficient providers to prescribe controlled substance tapers when feasible and to offer substance use disorder treatment. We also support that this bill repeals the APRN geographic proximity requirement. As we have seen over the past year, technology can serve as a multifaceted bridge for communication. I have seen first-hand how technology can facilitate vital collaboration and teaching between APRNs and doctors. We do not support three provisions of HB 84. Firstly, abandoning a one-month practice period with the collaborating physician would not be prudent. Perhaps a talented senior nurse practitioner would not need this practice period, but newer APRNs benefit from some supervision in the same way that resident physicians are supervised for at least three years before practicing on their own. Secondly, we oppose repealing physician review of APRN health care services. Some ongoing supervision, even if limited and geographically remote, is appropriate. Thirdly, removing the limit on the number of APRNs with whom a physician may collaborate could be dangerous. We worry outlier physicians would hire more APRNs than they can realistically supervise for the purpose of profit.

**Components of HB 84 would greatly improve access to health care in Missouri and the health of our state; however, the collaborative practice arrangement's one-month practice period, supervision requirement, and limit on the number of APRNs per physician should not be repealed. Thank you for your time and consideration. Heidi B. Miller, MD, St. Louis Regional Health Commission**