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[Legislator's Name]

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Dear [Legislator's Name],

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed legislation that would allow nurse practitioners to utilize fluoroscopy in clinical practice. As an Emergency Nurse Practitioner with extensive experience in managing acute musculoskeletal injuries, I believe this legislative change is crucial for improving patient care, particularly in the emergency department setting.

In the course of treating patients with fractures, it is often necessary to perform fracture reductions that do not require immediate surgical intervention. Fluoroscopy is a critical tool in ensuring the accuracy of these reductions, allowing for real-time imaging that confirms proper alignment of the fracture before, during, and after the procedure. Currently, without access to fluoroscopy, the standard practice involves sedating the patient, attempting the reduction, and then performing an X-ray to confirm the results. If the reduction is not successful, this process may need to be repeated, subjecting the patient to additional sedation and radiation exposure. This method is not only inefficient but can also be harmful to patients. The need to sedate patients multiple times increases their risk of adverse reactions, while the lack of immediate imaging guidance can lead to suboptimal outcomes, including delayed healing or the need for further intervention. Allowing nurse practitioners to use fluoroscopy would significantly enhance the quality of care we provide, enabling us to confirm successful reductions in real-time and reducing the need for repeated procedures.

Nurse practitioners are highly trained and competent healthcare providers who already perform a wide range of procedures independently. With appropriate training and certification in the use of fluoroscopy, nurse practitioners would be well-equipped to use this technology safely and effectively. The proposed legislation would not only improve patient outcomes but also increase efficiency in emergency departments, where timely and accurate treatment is critical.

I urge you to support this legislation and help advance the role of nurse practitioners in providing high-quality, patient-centered care. Thank you for considering this important issue.

Sincerely,

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