



*Promoting the health of women and newborns.*

June 15, 2009

Dear Coalition for PatientsqRights:

On behalf of the 23,000 members of the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN), I write in support of the mission and goals of the Coalition for PatientsqRights (CPR).

AWHONN is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to the health of women and newborns. Our members are staff nurses, nurse practitioners, nursing school faculty, certified nurse-midwives, and nurse executives who work in hospitals, independent practices, universities, and community clinics throughout the United States. Nurses, in collaboration with other health care professionals, serve a vital role in maximizing the health and health care experiences of women across the lifespan.

As a coalition member, AWHONN supports the Coalition for PatientsqRights and its work to ensure that patients have access to the quality healthcare provider of their choice. Nurses have very high standards for patient safety and are a vital part of the solution to this country's healthcare challenges.

Sincerely,

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