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Coalition for Patients' Rights
Steering Committee
American Nurses Association
8515 Georgia Avenue, Suite 400
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Dear Steering Committee Members,

The National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) appreciates the efforts of the Coalition for Patients' Rights (CPR). As a professional organization with nearly 7,000 PNP's, we fully support the CPR's mission to ensure patients have access to quality healthcare providers of their choice.

NAPNAP members serve on the front line in the provision of care for infants, children, and adolescents and provide a safe, effective and affordable health services to those families. Our members are legally authorized, academically prepared and credentialed to provide health care diagnostic and treatment services to infants, children and adolescents. NAPNAP's efforts are consistent with the Coalition for Patients' Rights to ensure patients have access to quality health care providers of their choice. We remain committed to the coalition and its efforts to encourage all health care professionals to work together to counter any efforts aimed at limiting patients' rights. We applaud the members of the CPR and other healthcare professionals working to diminish efforts by the American Medical Association and other physician organizations who try to limit the services we are qualified to provide.

NAPNAP is a proud member of the Coalition and will persevere to collaborate with the other 35 membership organizations of the Coalition to ensure America's healthcare needs are met. Together, we will continually work to defend the patients' right to access to the healthcare of their choice.

Sincerely,

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