Dear {legislator's name here}:

I write in support of SB 1473. This critical legislation will modernize and streamline the State regulations governing Advanced Practice Nurses. Some of these provisions in Arizona law are nearly a century old and do not reflect modern healthcare practices.

Advanced Practice Nurses are highly-trained and skilled healthcare professionals. They must attain graduate-level education – many earn doctoral degrees – and have a specialty focus of care. Unfortunately, Arizona law has not kept up with the times.

That means Arizona patients don’t get access to safe, quality care as quickly as they should – especially in rural Arizona and other areas facing chronic physician shortages. SB 1473 will remove the regulatory handcuffs preventing Advanced Practice Nurses from doing all they could to help Arizona patients.

Please consider the recommendation of the independent and non-partisan Institute of Medicine, which is the gold standard in medical research and policy. The IOM stated in a 2010 report:

“Now is the time to eliminate the outdated regulations and organizational and cultural barriers that limit the ability of nurses to practice to the full extent of their education, training and competence.”

Please vote YES on SB 1473.

Respectfully,