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Governor Haley,

Dear Mr. President, Mr. Vice President and leaders of our great country and state of South Carolina:

I am writing this letter on behalf of myself and all primary care nurse practitioners (NPs) in South Carolina and other states that have not given full practice authority to Primary Care NPs, including unlimited prescriptive authority to include schedule II controlled substances, to reassess the direction of healthcare and improve access to high quality evidenced based medicine that nurse practitioners are currently providing all across our great nation, including my home state of S.C.

Education is highly valued in this country and degrees based on one's level of education are not overlooked. However, clinical training and experience are greatly under-appreciated in regards to a primary care NP's practice in many states, including S.C. Primary care NPs assess and treat the same patients that MDs assess and treat, with similar if not identical outcomes, and yet have such restrictions on their licenses that access to care is greatly reduced, leaving patients under-cared for and highly discriminated against, especially in rural areas. (Several studies have proven this: please visit <http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/29/5/893.full>).

With education and valuable experience comes knowledge and a well trained medical provider. I am proposing a law that would allow all primary care NPs with a minimal of 3 to 5 years of experience under a practice led by a physician to obtain full practice authority to include full prescriptive authority, including schedule II-V controlled substances, to practice independently from a physician and receive the same or very similar reimbursement rates that physicians receive in the state of South Carolina and any other state that has not given full practice authority to primary care NPs.

Please consider this resolution to a problem that will only continue to progress without the appropriate action that needs to be taken.

Thank you for your valuable time and your excellent leadership you display for all Americans,

Respectfully and with great honor,