

Dear North Carolina General Assembly Members,

On behalf of all the listed physician specialty societies, county medical societies, and the North Carolina Medical Society, **we request that you oppose to HB 277 / SB 249 - The SAVE Act.**

These bills would allow Nurse Practitioners (NP), Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA) and Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM) to practice without the supervision of a physician, essentially creating the authority for the independent practice of medicine.

These professions are essential components of a patient care team, but are not trained to practice independently. Education, training, and experience are essential in health care decision making. Ignoring the need for additional training when providing additional authority puts patients at risk.

Coordinated care should be our top priority, not fragmented independent practice. Patients in rural and underserved areas deserve to have access to quality care. We believe this model of care promotes the improved patient outcomes and allows us to deliver more efficient and cost-effective health care to your constituents.

Our members serve the patients in your district each day and want to ensure safe, quality care to each of your constituents. Again, this requires the team working together, not in silos. Therefore, we request that you oppose HB 277/SB 249 – The SAVE ACT.

Thank you,

North Carolina Medical Society

Alamance-Caswell County Medical Society

Beaufort County Medical Society

Burke County Medical Society

Cabarrus County Medical Society

Carolinas Society of Endocrinologists

Durham – Orange County Medical Society

Mecklenburg County Medical Society

New Hanover – Pender County Medical Society

NC Academy of Family Physicians

NC Chapter, American College of Physicians

NC Chapter of the American College of Surgeons

NC College of Emergency Physicians

NC Dermatology Association

NC Orthopedic Association

NC Osteopathic Medical Association

NC Pediatric Society

NC Psychiatry Association

NC Radiological Society

NC Society of Anesthesiologists

NC Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons

NC Society of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery

NC Society of Pathologists

NC Society of Plastic Surgeons

NC Society of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians

NC Spine Society

OrthoCarolina

Sampson County Medical Society

Southeastern Atlantic College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine

Triangle Indian Americans Physician's Society

Wayne County Medical Society

Western Carolina Medical Society