

To Senator Tillis

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Subject: Veterans Health Care Staffing Improvement Act (S. 2279)

To allow unsupervised nurse anesthesia care to Veterans is a disgrace to Veterans and our country. Everyone, but most especially Veterans, deserve the specialization and expert care of a physician anesthesiologist. To allow nurses to practice unsupervised in a directory role is to give Veteran patients SUBstandard care. This is unacceptable.

I currently supervise nurse anesthetists, many of whom claim to be at the top of their field. Still, I am constantly rushing to their aid because of ignorant actions. Nurses work on protocols developed by physicians, and when something goes off the script they do not know how to react to save lives. Just this week I coded a 10 month old HEALTHY patient for a basic surgery because the nurse in the room was mismanaging the child and was too proud to call for help. I am sure you would not want to subject your child, or your veterans to this type of treatment.

I strongly oppose this legislation. This is not what I would want for myself, my family or those fighting to protect my country.

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