



Dear Chairperson and members of the committee,

My name is Ronnie Najarro as the State Director Americans for Prosperity in Nevada, I thank you for this opportunity to testify in favor of SB294, a bill that takes a transformative step forward for the regulation and practice of Physician Assistants (PAs) in Nevada. This bill not only reflects the evolving landscape of healthcare delivery but also emphasizes the need for flexibility, autonomy, and expanded roles for healthcare providers in order to meet the growing demands of our diverse patient population.

One of the most significant aspects of this bill is the removal of the requirement for PAs to be supervised by a physician. This change is both progressive and necessary. It empowers PAs to practice to the full extent of their education, training, and experience. This will open the door for greater access to healthcare, particularly in underserved areas where physician shortages remain a persistent challenge. PAs play a critical role in the healthcare system, and this legislation recognizes that they are fully capable of making medical decisions and providing high-quality care without unnecessary supervision. At the same time, the bill maintains a balance by ensuring that PAs with less than 4,000 hours of practice experience enter into collaborative agreements with physicians, providing a level of mentorship and oversight for those who are relatively new to the field. This approach ensures that patient safety remains a top priority while fostering professional growth and autonomy for PA's while performing certain tasks such as obtaining patient histories, conducting physical examinations, prescribing medications, and even prescribing controlled substances within their scope of practice. This aligns with the evolving roles of PAs in healthcare and further enhances their ability to respond to the medical needs of patients.

By including provisions that allow PAs to sign documents, provide certifications, and endorse medical decisions typically reserved for physicians, this legislation acknowledges the critical role PAs play in ensuring continuity of care and operational efficiency in healthcare settings. This flexibility reduces administrative burdens on physicians, which ultimately contributes to a more streamlined and effective healthcare delivery system.

In conclusion, Senate Bill 294 is a forward-thinking piece of legislation that recognizes the vital role PAs play in delivering high-quality, accessible healthcare. I strongly urge you to support this legislation and help us create a healthcare system in Nevada that is more responsive, efficient, and accessible for all.

Sincerely, 

Ronnie Najarro

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