

Dear Members of the House Healthcare Committee,

My name is Brandon Way, I am a new graduate of the Anesthesiologist Assistant program through the University of Colorado's school of medicine, and I am humbly requesting your support for House Bill 4108.

It is very exciting that the state of Oregon is considering the addition of CAA's to the Anesthesia Care Team model. My wife and I are absolutely in love with the scenery and quality of life that the Pacific North West has to offer, and we would love the chance to call Oregon our home.

As a newly certified AA, I can tell you that the training for my profession is extremely rigorous. Prior to acceptance, I completed all of the same course work ( and even some extra) that is required for medical school, and even took the MCAT as my entrance exam. Throughout the course of my training, I took part in rigorous clinical and didactic training that included graduate level courses in pulmonary and cardiovascular physiology, pharmacology, and co-existing diseases just to name a few. During my clinical training I completed rotations both within the University of Colorado healthcare system and in private outside hospitals. My specialty training included rotations in cardiac surgery, labor, pediatric surgery, neurosurgery, trauma, intensive care, and of course, general surgery. Each of these rotations prepared me bring my patients safely through their perioperative course, and to navigate the subtleties involved in caring for specific populations of patients.

The Anesthesia Care Team model, consisting of an Anesthesiologist and either a CAA or CRNA has been shown time and again to be a safe and effective way to care for patients throughout the perioperative process. I humbly request that you support House Bill 4108, and look forward to the opportunity to make a home in your great state.

Warm regards,

Brandon Way, CAA