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To:
Subject: Please Support HB 4108
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Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee,

I am writing you today to ask for your support for HB 4108. I am a Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant who has been living and practicing in Atlanta, GA for four years. I was born and raised in Portland, OR and would love to be able to return to work in my home state and help the people of my home community. Because I am not currently viewed as a licensed healthcare provider in Oregon, I cannot return home to work.

As a Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant, I have had a long and strenuous education. I first received my B.S. in Molecular Biology from Gonzaga University in Spokane, WA. I then took the MCAT and attended Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, FL. The Anesthesiologist Assistant program is a Masters of Health degree and required 28 months of didactic and clinical coursework. In order to graduate, I was required to obtain 2500 hours of clinical experience, log 600 cases and then pass a certification exam. The certification exam must be retaken every 6 years in order to maintain licensure as well.

In Atlanta, CRNA's and Anesthesiologist Assistants work together with MD Anesthesiologists to care for patients for all types of surgery. In this model, the Anesthesiologist is always supervising the anesthetist in order to provide the best possible care to the patients. This anesthesia care team model is proven to provide excellent care to patients. Because there is a national shortage of anesthesia professionals, licensing CAA's in Oregon would help fill a void.

I left Oregon hoping that one day I would be able to return to work and serve my community. I miss the lifestyle that only living in Oregon can provide and would love to return home. Please support HB 4108 to help make that a reality for me.

Sincerely,
Jordan Aigner
Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant