

Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee,

My daughter Stephanie Guo is currently a 1st year AA student in Master of Science in Anesthesia program with Case Western Reserve University.

Case has AA program since 1970. In general, admission to an AA program requires a bachelor's degree with prescribed prerequisites typical of premedical course work and successful completion of the MCAT, the same test that all Medical School students need to take.

Stephanie graduated as a Valedictorian at Camas High School, WA and went to University of Southern California for undergraduate. She majored in Biology and minored in Entrepreneurship. She graduated with GPA of 3.87 and her MCAT score is 33. She has the status of Medical Student, but she decided to apply for the AA programs only.

Stephanie started her AA program since last May. Case AA students have heavy study loads, they learn and practice at stimulation Labs, and they also go to hospital few times a week to do clinical anesthesia since the first semester. They all work very hard and sometimes they don't even have time to sleep. But they are proud of what they do. They want to help people and give patients good care.

Stephanie really wants to work in OR, or WA, close to home and we are more happy to have her stay close to us too. Otherwise, we may have to move out this area in future. She has been living in a few places now and she still like here better and think Portland area is prettier than other places with lot of green trees, rivers, mountains, and friendly people.

We don't really understand why AA can't work in all states, AAs are well trained. They work under anesthesiologists, just like Physician Assistants work under Physicians.

It's not easy to get admitted into AA program, from my daughter's example, you can tell AA students are good students to start with. They will be good care providers to any hospitals. I think you will glad to have them in Oregon.

As parents along with all AA students, we eagerly hope Oregon can step out and approve this bill to let AA work in Oregon. Oregon will be proud of becoming 19th state that allows AAs to work.

Sincerely,

Wendy Zhang