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To Whom It May Concern:

The Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) is pleased to support the Coalition for Patients' Rights (CPR), established to ensure patient access to safe, affordable healthcare. CPR is comprised of 36 national associations representing more than 3 million licensed healthcare professionals.

CPR seeks to counter efforts by the AMA Scope of Practice initiative that is designed to limit patients' choice of health practitioners. In the face of organized medicine's latest divisive efforts to limit these professionals' abilities to provide the care they are qualified to give, the CPR was formed for the sake of patients – to ensure that the growing needs of the American health system can be met and that patients everywhere have access to quality healthcare providers of their choice.

HPNA believes, as does CPR, that patients' interests are best met by a healthcare system in which many different types of healthcare professionals are available, accessible, and work collaboratively with one another. As a Coalition member, HPNA encourages all healthcare professionals to come together in the best interest of patients.

HPNA is proud to be a member of the CPR and will continue to work on its behalf.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Judy C. Lentz'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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CEO