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Thomas M. Gose
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The Honorable James A. Harrell, III
Room 403
Legislative Office Building
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

Re: Physician Supervision of
Nurse Anesthetists in North
Carolina

Dear Representative Harrell:

I am writing on behalf of MAG Mutual Insurance Company. For rating purposes, each medical specialty's premiums are driven by that specialty's claims and losses. Clarification and reiteration of an existing legal requirement, as proposed by House Bill 503, will not result in increased liability exposure for surgeons who currently operate directly with nurse anesthetists without the involvement of an anesthesiologist. The proposed legislation will not cause MAG Mutual to increase insurance premiums for such surgeons because the requirement of physician supervision is a longstanding requirement in North Carolina and does not represent a new liability risk.

Please let us know if we may be of further assistance in answering questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'T. M. Gose'.

TMG:jb
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