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Makefield Area Action Fund of AAUW
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NAACP, Bucks County Branch
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Quality Child Care Coalition of Bucks County
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The Council of Southeast Pennsylvania
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Hundreds of Individual Partners and Growing

Dear Bucks County Representatives:

Again, we at BCWAC ask you to encourage the House Licensure Committee to move HB 100 out of committee and to the floor for a supportive vote. The bill would end a requirement that NPs obtain business contracts in order to be allowed to practice. These contracts are redundant because NPs are required to collaborate as part of a health care team in order to earn and maintain their national certification.

As you know, the Senate passed the companion bill SB 25 in April by a vote of 39-to-10. Health care is one of the most important issues facing state government. This bipartisan legislation will improve health care quality, expand access, and lower costs, and help keep Pennsylvania's Nurse Practitioners, in Pennsylvania.

This week, we want to ensure that you are aware that **the Federal Trade Commission has written a letter of support for HB100 to modernize Pennsylvania's nurse practitioner rules and it would improve health care for people across the state.**

The FTC says: "Absent countervailing safety concerns regarding APRN-CNP practice (of which we are unaware), removing existing supervision requirements to permit independent APRN-CNP prescribing and practice has the potential to benefit Pennsylvania consumers by increasing competition among health care providers, which likely would improve access to care, contain costs, and expand innovation in health care delivery."

The full FTC statement and letter are [here](https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/press-releases/2018/01/ftc-staff-proposed-pennsylvania-legislation-affecting-nurse): <https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/press-releases/2018/01/ftc-staff-proposed-pennsylvania-legislation-affecting-nurse>

Along with the FTC, the National Academy of Medicine, AARP Pennsylvania, the Hospital & Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania, the Pa. Rural Health Association, and many other organizations have endorsed reform.

Please push for a vote on House Bill 100 right away. It is rare that any legislation, let alone legislation concerning health care, finds support from so many diverse stakeholders. We urge you to ask committee Chairman Mark Mustio and Minority Chair Readshaw to schedule House Bill 100 for a vote as soon as possible. After which time we urge you to ask House Leadership to vote on this bill as soon as possible. Patients in our community deserve the highest quality care and HB100 will help them get it.

Thank you,

Tam St. Claire, President

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