



January 18, 2021

House Committee on Health Care & Wellness  
RE: HB 1141

Thank you for allowing the Association of Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nurses (AAPPN) to provide comment on HB 1141: Increasing access to the death with dignity act.

On behalf of our 300 member Psychiatric Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners in the state, AAPPN voices support for this bill.

Psychiatric ARNPs play an important role in the mental health care of patients across the lifespan, and collaborate with primary care providers in the delivery of holistic health care. Assessment, medication management, and the determination of an individual's competence to make independent decisions are core elements of practice of the Psychiatric ARNP.

This bill will provide increased access to quality health care professionals for a vulnerable population in our state facing difficult end-of-life choices.

Thank you again for your consideration of HB1141. If AAPPN can ever be of service to the committee, please do not hesitate to contact me at [kirk@aappn.org](mailto:kirk@aappn.org) or 360-734-3166.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirk Roberts", written in a cursive style.

Kirk Roberts  
Executive Director