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Dear Legislator:

I am a patient in Lawrence Kansas with multiple sclerosis. I have had the privilege of receiving wonderful care from Karen Roberts a Nurse Practitioner for the past 8-10 years. Karen my NP has seen me through not only years of regular check ups, but a litany of aches pains, rashes and viral bugs. She is the one who initiates tests, care and has really listened to me when I was not feeling well.

I have seen more of My Nurse Practitioner then my primary care physician. There's nothing wrong with my primary care physician. Most often it is unlikely that I can get in the day I call. My NP is way more accessible and easy to see. I usually can get in to see her the same day I call.

Along with easy access my experience has been that compared to my primary care physician There is more face time. My NP spends way more time with me as a patient.

Recently I lost my primary care provider because of retirement. I had to find a new provider. It was important to me to find one that I could continue to see Karen my NP as well. In fact I wish my nurse practitioner could be my primary care provider.

We should give everybody the opportunity to have their primary health care provider be a Nurse Practitioner. For all these reasons stated I totally support - full practice authority - for Nurse Practitioners.

Sincerely,

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