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Bill: **HB20-1216**

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Please submit the attached testimony supporting HB20-1216 with additional amendment to HB20-1216 as outlined in my testimony.

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Good Day Madam Chairperson Herod, Madam Vice-Chairperson Bird, and Distinguished Members of the Finance Committee,

My name is Angela Savage, student FNP, I will be testifying in support of HB 20-1216 with the Finance Committee's consideration for further amendment to this bill.

It is arguable that the current 1,000-hour requirement poses an economic burden on nurse practitioners, access to healthcare, and the state revenue. In addition, recent graduates have indicated it has been especially difficult to secure gainful employment in Colorado. I am the sole provider for my family. It is deeply disturbing to learn I am unemployable based on this statutory requirement. DORA has imposed a statutory requirement of 1,000 hours without foundational evidence. This places further health burden on Colorado residents seeking access to health care by imposing unnecessary administrative burden on hiring institutions.

Many nurse practitioner graduates have shared with me their struggles to secure a position post-graduation for up to 8 months or longer. Student loan debt comes due forcing the nurse practitioner and their families to ^{leave} ~~leaving~~ the state. They find employment in border states that do not have provisional prescriptive authority requirement. The loss of the new nurse practitioners to other states is compounded by the loss of economic productivity from working spouses and partners making the

move as well. The state of Colorado has placed itself at an economic disadvantage through unintended consequences of this bill.

This bill and your vote hold significant downstream implications to the health of Colorado residents, vital revenue for Colorado and its programs, and access to care for the most vulnerable people nurse practitioners serve. Sickness affects worker productivity, lost workdays, and the ^{ability}~~able~~ to hold gainful employment. This bill has real consequences on Colorado residents seeking health care and maintaining gainful employment.

Total elimination of the proposed 750 hours and total elimination of the articulated plan outlined in Amendment C and D are necessary steps towards economic prosperity for all Coloradans. Thank you for allowing me to testify on HB 20-1216 today.