

February 17, 2025

The Honorable Selina Bliss Chair, Health and Human Services Committee Arizona House of Representatives 1700 W Washington St, Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: ATA ACTION SUPPORT OF HB 2310

Dear Chair Bliss and members of the Health and Human Services Committee,

On behalf of ATA Action, I am writing to express strong support for House Bill 2310 which would enact the Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) Compact.

ATA Action, the American Telemedicine Association's affiliated trade association focused on advocacy, advances policy to ensure all individuals have permanent access to telehealth services across the care continuum. ATA Action recognizes that telehealth and virtual care have the potential to truly transform the health care delivery system – by improving patient outcomes, enhancing safety and effectiveness of care, addressing health disparities, and reducing costs.

The APRN Compact is an interstate compact designed to facilitate care from APRNs across state boundaries and allows professionals to practice in multiple states without having to obtain additional state licenses. Increasing APRN's ability to practice across state lines is particularly important to enabling increased access to telehealth care, which will only serve to benefit Arizona patients. Furthermore, the Compact can also help address provider shortages, particularly for currently underserved populations in disadvantaged communities or who are geographically isolated.

While the APRN Compact is relatively new and has only been enacted in a handful of states to date, this compact builds on the success of the Nurse Licensure Compact which has been enacted in more than 40 states. ATA Action is pleased to see Arizona take the first step towards adopting this important compact and expanding access to care and telehealth services.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We urge the committee to advance HB 2310 to enact the APRN Compact. If you have any questions or would like to further discuss ATA Action's perspective on this critical issue, please contact me at kzebley@ataaction.org.

Kind regards,

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¹ Nurse Licensure Compact Map, NCSBN. https://www.nursecompact.com/index.page#map
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