

To whom it may concern:

I graduated 20 years ago as a CRNA with a Master's degree in anesthesia science. I have worked in several different types of the anesthesia care teams but currently work as a solo provider in a Critical Access Hospital in Oregon. To allow AA's to become legal in Oregon serves no purpose...the anesthesiologist has to be present in the room with the AA at all times, he cannot supervise any other rooms...it seems this type of practice will increase cost of health care for Oregon using two providers for one patient. CRNAs practice independently in 18 states at this time and hopefully more states will request this option in the future. CRNAs serve the rural areas where MDAs (anesthesiologists) wouldn't care to live and the hospitals could afford to pay them. There is no benefit to legalize AAs in the state of Oregon or any state for that matter.

Sincerely,

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