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Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee,

I am an anesthesiologist assistant student at South University in Savannah, GA. Anesthesiologist assistants (CAAs) are anesthesia providers that work directly under the supervision of licensed anesthesiologists. Getting into this program took a lot of hard work. I received a bachelor's degree first and took pre-med coursework to meet the requirements of the AA program. Through this 28-month program I will obtain an average of over 600 hours of classroom education as well as at least 2600 hours of clinical anesthesia education. With all the training and hard work I do, I hope to graduate and be able to work in the west, and Oregon is at the top of my list. Currently anesthesiologist assistants do not have the opportunity to work in all 50 states yet, and Oregon is one of those states that we cannot yet practice in. My husband's family lives nearby in Washington state and being able to live nearer to them is of high importance to me. With that said, I hope that you seriously take this into consideration and help to make Oregon a state where certified anesthesiologist assistants can work and be a part of the anesthesia care team.

Thank you for your time,  
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