



To: House Committee on Health Care
From: Representative Jodi Hack
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HB 4108- Anesthesiologist Assistant

Good Afternoon,

Chair Greenlick, members of the Committee: for the record, my name is Jodi Hack, I am the Representative for House District 19, which includes south Salem, Aumsville, and Turner. I am here on behalf of House Bill 4108.

This bill would provide a wonderful opportunity for credentialed health care professionals to start a promising new career as an anesthesiologist assistant. This position requires strict clinical training standards and constant supervision from a physician. Patients can rest assured that they are receiving the highest level of care without compromising quality. Many states have already adopted this position and skilled healthcare professionals are moving to those states for employment as an AA. HB 4108 would give them a reason to come home and provide their fellow Oregonians with the best healthcare available.

I will let anesthesiologist, Dr. Kate Ropp, explain this measure in more detail, but I can assure you that this a a bipartisan bill that will improve the quality of healthcare in this state, and provide much needed jobs for trained professionals seeking a promising career in anesthesiology.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Representative Jodi Hack
House District 19