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I am a student who will soon graduate with my ND degree and I support fair compensation from insurance companies for healthcare services. Nurse Practitioners are protected from compensation discrimination. This allows them to make a living wage and bring revenue into clinics. Right now it's better for clinics to hire NPs because their work is compensated fairly. NDs are asking to be paid the same amount as other providers for the same services and codes. This is the arrangement built into OHP and we are asking for discrimination protection from private insurance companies who randomly pay NDs less. We are highly trained and motivated to provide services to the public, yet we are hindered by unjustifiable low compensation. Protection for our fair and reasonable insurance compensation would allow NDs to provide more services, in more clinics, to more people.