

Dear Arizona Legislators,

On behalf of the state and national associations listed below – associations that represent nearly every physician in the state of Arizona together with their national associations – we urge you to **oppose** SB 1269.

We have the following concerns with SB 1269 of which we would like to make you aware.

1. SB1269 would eliminate the long-established requirement for physician involvement in anesthesia care by nurse anesthetists.
2. Removing the requirement that physicians be involved in anesthesia care would create significant risk of harm to Arizona patients and is a dangerous step in the wrong direction.
3. The Legislature reiterated the requirement that anesthesia care be provided under the direction of and in the presence of a physician as recently as 2017.
4. The best way to ensure high quality anesthesia care is to maintain physicians as the leaders of the health care team.
5. There is no clinical benefit and substantial potential harm to adopting a lower standard that is overwhelmingly opposed by physicians and patients alike.
6. Arizona patients expect and deserve to have a physician involved in their anesthesia care, every patient, every time.

We also encourage you to consult with constituents and patients, those most likely to be impacted by the unwarranted elimination of the need for physician involvement in the provision of anesthesia. Arizona patients overwhelmingly oppose the removal of physician involvement in their anesthesia care.

We unite to state that there is no clinical benefit and substantial potential for patient harm in adopting a lower standard that is overwhelmingly opposed by physicians and patients alike.

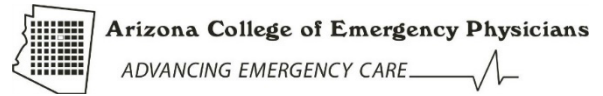
We therefore strongly urge you to oppose this attempt to eliminate the need for physicians to be involved in the provision of anesthesia. Arizona patients deserve a physician involved in their anesthesia care, every patient, every time. Please oppose SB 1269.

Sincerely,

Arizona Society of Anesthesiologists



Arizona College of Emergency Physicians



Arizona Academy of Family Physicians



Arizona Chapter of the American College of Surgeons



Arizona Society of Plastic Surgeons



Arizona Radiological Society



Arizona Medical Association



Arizona Society of Pathologists



Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association



Arizona Psychiatric Society



American Society of Plastic Surgeons



American College of Surgeons



American Society of Anesthesiologists



American College of Radiology



American Medical Association



American Osteopathic Association



American Urological Association



American College of Emergency Physicians



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American Academy of Dermatology
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American Society for Dermatologic
Surgery Association



American Association of
Orthopaedic Surgeons

