

**AB 876 (FLORA)**  
**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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I have been a CRNA for 10 years. I have worked in a variety of anesthesia settings: ACT model, independent (CRNA only) practice, consulting and education across the state from San Diego, Los Angeles, Sacramento and rural hospitals at the foothills of the Sierras. I am committed and passionate about full scope of practice for all CRNAs across the state to improve access for all Californians! I am always puzzled why I can be the same provider with the same skill set no matter where I go, but I can have restricted practices based on erroneous misinformation. CRNAs are trained for a full scope of practice in anesthesia and AB 876 clarifies important language to improve access to care for many Californians. Moreover, supporting AB 876, you can mitigate the critical anesthesia workforce shortage across our state. Simply put all anesthesia providers should work to the full scope of their practice as they are trained.

I strongly urge the BRN to support AB 876 and stand with CRNAs in protecting patient care and access to safe anesthesia services.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Respectfully,

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Sent via mobile phone; please excuse my typos

**From:** Jeffrey Darna  
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Dear California Board of Registered Nursing,

I am writing to inform you that I support the proposed amendments to the Nurse Anesthetist Act (Article 7, Subsections 2825-2833.6) that aim to clarify the established practice of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) in California. These amendments are crucial for maintaining and enhancing patient access to quality anesthesia care, particularly in underserved and rural areas.

The proposed changes seek to define "Anesthesia Services," clarify care settings, and affirm CRNA independence in administering anesthesia without supervision. These amendments align with the extensive education and training CRNAs receive, including 7-8 years of higher education and a minimum of 650 anesthetic cases before certification. Furthermore, they reflect the care that California CRNAs have provided for over four decades and are consistent with existing state and federal statutes supporting independent practice authority.

By supporting **AB 876**, the Board would help prevent misinterpretations of the current language that have led to unnecessary restrictions on CRNAs' ability to deliver care. This clarification would safeguard patients' access to timely anesthesia services and enable healthcare systems to utilize CRNA expertise better, ultimately improving health outcomes across California. I urge the Board to consider these amendments as a vital step in supporting the evolving needs of our diverse population and maintaining the essential role of CRNAs in California's healthcare system.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey R Darna, PhD, DNP, CRNA, ACNP-BC, FAANA



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I'm submitting my support for AB 876. Thank you

Rylan Reynolds CRNA,DNAP  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Randy Ashman  
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CRNAs Are Critical to California's Healthcare System:

1. CRNAs have safely provided anesthesia care in California for over 100 years. I have personally been providing anesthesia as a CRNA without supervision for 19 years and was a nurse for 10 years prior to becoming a CRNA.
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4. AB 876 ensures continued access to anesthesia care across the state, especially in rural and underserved areas.

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** Dahlen, Brittney  
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Dear Members of the Board of Registered Nursing,

I have been practicing independently in conjunction with my full-time job for five years. I have been a nurse for fourteen years, and a Nurse Anesthetist for five years. I do approximately 6,000 cases a year. On occasion I need to explain and justify my practice and scope of practice.

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Sincerely,  
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Sincerely,  
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San Francisco CA 94116

**From:** [Chelsea Sandoval](#)  
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California Society of Anesthesiologists continues to resist well-known legal findings that CRNAs can practice in CA without supervision of an MD and/or physician anesthesiologist. In a continuing attempt to foil independent CRNA practice, a CSA-member physician anesthesiologist on a California Dept Public Health survey team focused on CRNA independent practice as a “threat to patient safety”, when there were no documented threats or incidents. For that reason, this surveyor insisted Doctors Medical Center be shut down, resulting in cancellation of 1000 surgeries and procedures. Many patients were in underserved Medicaid populations. This capricious and arbitrary interruption of patient care may well have resulted in patient harm, and because of it CRNAs lost their jobs, and institutions were required to hire expensive physician anesthesiologists to “supervise” CRNAs—and by the way, these “supervisors” do not do any patient care themselves. Recent actions by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) have created unnecessary barriers to CRNA practice, threatening both patient safety and access to care. CDPH has also pressured hospitals to impose restrictions on CRNAs beyond what is required by law, and even attempted to prevent CRNAs from participating in airway emergency response teams, putting patient lives at risk. Please note that CRNAs teach many “baby” anesthesiology physician residents to intubate and manage airway emergencies, just so you see the ridiculous nature of these proposed restrictions. These are totally political moves, aimed at bullying another anesthesia profession.

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I strongly urge the BRN to support AB 876 and stand with CRNAs in protecting patient care and access to safe anesthesia services. CRNA practice needs protection from powerful medical interest groups, determined to establish a monopoly on the provision of service at any cost to patients and institutions. This physician specialty group is determined to bully CRNAs out of practice wherever possible, and limit the choice hospitals should have in who they hire for quality anesthesia services. This is especially true in multiple rural settings, where there are no or few physician anesthesiologists, who often do not wish to practice there because of lower salaries. When they do practice in rural hospitals, they force those hospitals to give them extra stipend payments, posing a financial burden.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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**From:** Anna Cummins  
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Sincerely,

Anna Cummins, DNP, CRNA

Fresno, CA

**From:** Jasbir Singh  
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Sincerely,

Jasbir Singh  
SRNA (Student Registered Nurse Anesthetist)  
510-690-5321  
San Lorenzo, California



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I was personally impacted by the CDPH overreach, at both DMC Modesto and Emmanuel Medical Center (EMC) Turlock. As Chief CRNA at EMC, I was interrogated for over an hour by a CDPH surveyor that questioned CRNA scope of practice. I was advised it was not within my scope of practice to order pain medication in the post operative realm unless it was co-signed by an anesthesiologist. Before the arrival of CDPH at EMC, I was compelled to have MD anesthesiologists co-sign CRNA orders in fear of having an immediate jeopardy issued at EMC which would have caused additional surgical procedures to be cancelled which would have further impacted the Central Valley of California. I was repeatedly asked if I had a Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) number. It is my belief that CDPH is creating their own rules regarding needing a DEA number to order narcotic analgesia in post operative units.

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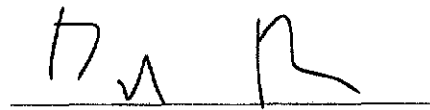
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Respectfully,

David Rodrigues, DNP, CRNA

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Ballico, California

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Signature

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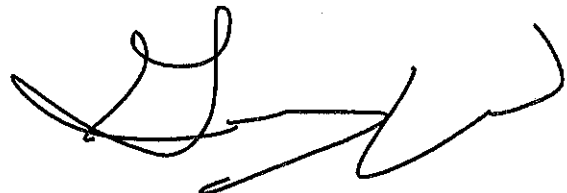
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Gary Wei, DNAP, CRNA

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Los Angeles, CA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gary Wei', written in a cursive style.

**From:** [Joshua Carr](#)  
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Dear Members of the Board of Registered Nursing,

My name is Joshua Carr, and I am a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA). I have spent many years practicing and teaching in California. It is time to stop gambling with access and affordability. CRNAs have independently provided the highest-quality anesthesia care in this state for over 100 years. I am writing to urge the BRN to support AB 876, a crucial bill that safeguards patient access to anesthesia care by reinforcing the long-established practice of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesiologists (CRNAs) in California.

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Dear Members of the Board of Registered Nursing,

I am writing to urge the BRN to support AB 876, a crucial bill that safeguards patient access to anesthesia care by reinforcing the long-established practice of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesiologists (CRNAs) in California.

I have practiced as an independent CRNA for 2 years and have been in nursing for 10 years. I provide anesthesia for approximately 900 cases per year and primarily work in rural and underserved areas in California. Many of the hospitals and surgery centers I work at have only CRNA's or mostly CRNA's providing Anesthesia. I chose these areas to help underserved populations. I'm proud to provide anesthesia from a Nursing perspective. As a registered nurse at our core, we are perfectly equipped to be the ultimate patient advocate and provide the Nursing Practice of Anesthesia. Since the CDPH issue in Modesto, I've heard from some facilities who are now experiencing confusion as to the scope of practice of CRNA's and the legalities of using us as independent providers. This is an unnecessary stress to our relationship and a barrier to helping patients.

**Why This Bill Is Necessary:**

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
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Dear Members of the Board of Registered Nursing,

I am the Managing Partner of Central California Anesthesiology Solutions. I have been practicing independently for 15 years. Our group covers several hospitals, surgery centers, and dental offices in Central California. We collectively administer over 46,000 anesthetics every year. We administer anesthesia for patients from newborn to over 100 years old. We administer anesthesia for bariatric, bronchoscopy, burn, cardiac, dental, ENT, eye, endoscopy, general surgery, gynecology, liver, lung, obstetric, orthopedic, oral, plastic, podiatry, pain, neurosurgery, urology, vascular surgeries. We also provide pain management services, labor analgesia, and respond to emergencies, performing life saving services throughout the hospitals. Our group often takes care of the poorest, most vulnerable Californians. We do all of these things as proud, skilled, independent Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists. We do not have physician supervisors, we work side by side with our skilled and dedicated physician anesthesiologists.

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As a group we were in contract negotiations with a hospital in the Central Coast to expand their obstetric anesthesia coverage. This would have increased the ability of the hospital to provide labor pain services and speed response to obstetric emergencies. The actions of CDPH in Modesto, caused the hospital to abandon their plans to increase obstetric anesthesia coverage for their patients due to fear of an unlawful overreach of CDPH inspectors. In other facilities, administrators have had to consult attorneys and consultants just to make sure they can continue to use the professional services of the CRNAs they rely on.

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Sincerely,

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Dear Members of the Board of Registered Nursing,

My name is Gina Yan and I am a CRNA at Kern Medical Center in Bakersfield, California. My colleagues and I practice independently to provide anesthesia services to surgical and obstetric patients at the Level 2 Trauma Center and its associated outpatient surgery center. In 2024, my colleagues and I administered approximately 6000 anesthetics in the operation rooms and procedures areas, as well as 2000 anesthetics in obstetric services.

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My name is Amy Foland, and I am a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA). I have spent many years practicing and teaching in California. It is time to stop gambling with access and affordability is over. CRNAs have independently provided anesthesia care of the highest quality in this state for over 100 years. I am writing to urge the BRN to support AB 876, a crucial bill that safeguards patient access to anesthesia care by reinforcing the long-established practice of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesiologists (CRNAs) in California.

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Dear Members of the Board of Registered Nursing,

My name is Cathy Forward and I have been practicing Nurse Anesthesiology as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesiologist (CRNA) for the past 24 years. I have taught student nurse anesthesiologists over these past 24 years in their clinical rotations. It is time to stop gambling with access and affordability. CRNAs have independently provided anesthesia care of the highest quality in this state for over 100 years. I am writing to urge the BRN to support AB 876, a crucial bill that safeguards patient access to anesthesia care by reinforcing the long-established practice of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesiologists (CRNAs) in California.

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## **Subject: Support AB 876 – Protect CRNA Autonomy & Patient Care**

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In 2024, there was a significant breach in confidence to patient access to anesthesia services in CA.

At Doctors Medical Center of Modesto, over 1,000 surgeries were canceled or delayed due to CDPH interference. This event could happen again and again and I would like to prevent that.

Why is CDPH making CRNA practice decisions that should be left to the BRN.

As a CRNA for 32 years and an RN for 41 years, I have had my share of hurdles to independent practice. Many times it is simply education of those in charge, but I have quoted the various attorneys general opinions about our independence.

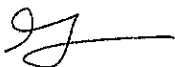
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I would have loved a well-versed document to present to administrators and physicians when I started my career.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.



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Sincerely,

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California Board of Registered Nursing,

I write in support of AB 876, which codifies California Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNAs) legal precedent and current practice into law.

I moved to California from Virginia in January of 2024. In just the last year as California CRNA, I have independently provided anesthesia for 801 surgeries in a wide range of case types and settings. I have provided IV dental anesthesia in a dental office. I have administered peripheral nerve blocks and spinals to total joint replacement patients in surgery centers. I have quickly intubated patients suffering from acute respiratory failure in hospitals.

Recent actions by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) have threatened patient safety and access to care. I am a CRNA currently working at Doctors Medical Center of Modesto. In May of 2024, 1,000 surgeries were unnecessarily canceled or delayed due to CDPH actions. Myself and dozens of other CRNAs were temporarily de-credentialed and unable to work for over 2 months, until we were ultimately re-instated by a CMS action. CDPH has also pressured hospitals to impose restrictions on CRNAs beyond what is required by law. They have even attempted to prevent CRNAs from participating in airway emergency response teams, putting patient lives at risk.

AB 876 eliminates unnecessary state regulations. It keeps anesthesia care decisions with providers, not regulators. It codifies court precedents, such as the 2012 California Society of Anesthesiologists (CSA) v. Brown Decision; it affirms that CRNAs can administer anesthesia with a surgeon, dentist, or podiatrists' order and no additional supervision.

AB 876 prevents unlawful CDPH overreach, which has greatly disrupted care and threatened patient safety over the last year in the central valley.

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March 17, 2025

Dear Members of the Board of Registered Nursing,

My name is Alaina Yamamoto and I am a CRNA at Riverside University Health System. My colleagues and I practice independently to provide anesthesia services to surgical and obstetric patients at the Level 1 Trauma Center and its associated outpatient surgery center. In 2024, my colleagues and I administered approximately 6000 anesthetics in the operation rooms and procedures areas.

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Sincerely,

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March 17, 2025

**Members of the Board of Registered Nursing**

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Dear Members of the Board of Registered Nursing,

My name is Belinda Shalhoub, and I am a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA). I have spent many years practicing and teaching new SRNAs at Kaiser for KPSSA in California. It is time to stop gambling with access to and affordability of care by law and has even attempted to prevent CRNAs from participating in airway emergency response teams, putting patient lives at risk. I strongly urge you to stop the aggressive, unfounded, and dangerous campaign against CRNAs.

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**March 17, 2025**

**Dear Members of the Board of Registered Nursing,**

My name is Jennifer Morales, and I am a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) with many years of experience practicing in California. It is time to put an end to the ongoing uncertainty regarding access to and affordability of anesthesia care. CRNAs have been independently providing high-quality anesthesia services in California for over a century. I am writing to strongly encourage the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) to support AB 876, a vital piece of legislation that ensures patient access to anesthesia care by affirming the long-standing role of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) in the state.

**Why This Bill Is Essential:**

Recent actions by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) have introduced unnecessary barriers to CRNA practice, jeopardizing patient safety and access to care. At Doctors Medical Center of Modesto, over 1,000 surgeries were canceled or delayed due to CDPH interference. Additionally, CDPH has pressured hospitals to place undue restrictions on CRNAs that exceed legal requirements and even attempted to exclude CRNAs from emergency airway response teams, endangering patient lives. It is critical that these unfounded and dangerous actions against CRNAs be halted.

**How AB 876 Supports CRNA Practice in California:**

- **Removes Unnecessary Regulations:** Places decisions about anesthesia care in the hands of providers, not regulators.
- **Codifies the 2012 CSA v. Brown Decision:** Confirms that CRNAs can administer anesthesia under a physician's order without the need for supervision.
- **Prevents Unlawful CDPH Interference:** Stops unnecessary regulatory overreach that disrupts care and puts patient safety at risk.
- **Clarifies CRNA Scope of Practice:** Ensures that hospitals understand the full scope of anesthesia care responsibilities held by CRNAs.

**The Importance of CRNAs to California's Healthcare System:**

- CRNAs have safely provided anesthesia care in California for over 100 years.
- They have a proven record of quality and safety in patient care.
- AB 876 does not expand the CRNA's scope of practice; it simply clarifies existing law to prevent regulatory overreach.
- AB 876 ensures continued access to anesthesia care statewide, particularly in rural and

underserved areas.

I strongly urge the BRN to support AB 876 and stand alongside CRNAs in protecting patient access to safe and effective anesthesia care. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Sincerely,**

Jennifer Morales, CRNA  
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**What AB 876 does for CRNA Practice in California:**

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- Clarifies CRNA Scope – Ensures hospitals understand CRNAs' full anesthesia care responsibilities.

**CRNAs Are Critical to California's Healthcare System:**

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I strongly urge the BRN to support AB 876 and stand with CRNAs in protecting patient care and access to safe anesthesia services.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Audra Kennedy, DNAP, CRNA

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I work in a level 1 Trauma Hospital where CRNAs have been practicing independently over decades and providing thousands on anesthesia annually, I also work for the US Army as a reservist where I practice independently without any supervision caring for our nation's finest soldiers.

**Why This Bill Is Necessary:** Recent actions by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) have created unnecessary barriers to CRNA practice especially practices like mine, threatening both patient safety and access to care. At Doctors Medical Center of Modesto, over 1,000 surgeries were canceled or delayed due to CDPH interference. CDPH has also pressured hospitals to impose restrictions on CRNAs beyond what is required by law, and even attempted to prevent CRNAs from participating in airway emergency response teams, putting patient lives at risk. If CDPH is allowed to continue this callous trend, thousands of Californians will be left without lifesaving care and preventable airway deaths and avoidable emergencies will be on the rise. This particular incident was attempted by CDPH in the biggest hospital in Fresno as recent as 2024.

**What AB 876 does for CRNA Practice in California:**

- Eliminates Unnecessary Regulations – Keeps anesthesia care decisions with providers, not regulators.
- Codifies the 2012 CSA v. Brown Decision – Affirms that CRNAs can administer anesthesia with a physician's order—no supervision required.
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- Clarifies CRNA Scope – Ensures hospitals understand CRNAs' full anesthesia care responsibilities. CRNAs Are Critical to California's Healthcare System:
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- AB 876 ensures continued access to anesthesia care across the state, especially in rural and underserved areas. I strongly urge the BRN to support AB 876 and stand with CRNAs in protecting patient care and access to safe anesthesia services.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Yadok, Zenret CRNA, MSN, MPH, CPT(USAR)

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Dear Members of the Board of Registered Nursing,

I am writing to urge the BRN to support AB 876, a bill that is essential to preserving patient access to anesthesia care and protecting the ability of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) to practice without unnecessary interference.

I have been a CRNA for **six years**, practicing **independently**, and have worked in nursing for **15 years**. As the owner of an anesthesia group that provides care to multiple surgical centers across California, I personally oversee the delivery of over **2,000 cases annually**. My work is not just about providing anesthesia—it's about constantly **educating surgeons, administrators, and facility staff** about the CRNA role. Despite our extensive training and established history of safe, independent practice, I routinely find myself having to **justify my scope of practice** every time I contract with a new site. Some surgeons and administrators are unaware that CRNAs can work without supervision, and I've had to walk them through the laws and regulations just to be allowed to do my job.

And the situation has only worsened. The **rumors surrounding the 2024 CDPH surveys** have directly impacted my ability to secure new contracts. Potential clients have voiced concerns about **liability risks and regulatory uncertainty**, making them hesitant to work with CRNAs. It is deeply frustrating that regulatory overreach—not patient outcomes, not quality of care—has become a barrier to anesthesia access.

AB 876 is essential because it would:

- **Eliminate Unnecessary Regulations** – Keeping anesthesia care decisions in the hands of providers, not regulators.
- **Codify the 2012 CSA v. Brown Decision** – Affirming that CRNAs can administer anesthesia with a physician's order—**no supervision required**.
- **Prevent Unlawful CDPH Overreach** – Stopping regulatory interference that disrupts care and threatens patient safety.
- **Clarify CRNA Scope** – Ensuring hospitals understand and respect CRNAs' full anesthesia care responsibilities.

CRNAs have safely provided anesthesia in California for **over 100 years**, and our track record of quality and safety is well-documented. **This bill does not expand CRNA scope—it simply reinforces existing law and stops the fear and misinformation that are hurting patient care.**

I did not enter this field expecting to have to fight for my right to practice every step of the way.

But here I am—both a provider and a business owner—working not only to deliver excellent anesthesia care but also to **correct misconceptions that should not exist in 2025**. It is time to put an end to this confusion and solidify CRNAs' place in the healthcare system.

I strongly urge the BRN to support AB 876 and stand with CRNAs in protecting patient care and access to safe, effective anesthesia services.

**Sincerely,**

Amin Azam, CRNA

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I am writing to urge the BRN to support AB 876, a crucial bill that safeguards patient access to anesthesia care by reinforcing the long-established practice of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesiologists (CRNAs) in California. I have been a nurse since 1994 and have been an independent CRNA practicing since 2003. I perform more than 1500 cases each year at multiple hospitals and surgery centers. Every two years when I must apply for recredentialing, I am forced to justify my scope of practice, as it is constantly scrutinized by political medical organizations seeking to control my practice. They claim we are not safe without their input, yet we practice in places that they do not want to work in, mostly the rural community hospital setting. It's not about safety, it's about control and money. Follow the dollar, you'll find the reason why they want to control our practice. My colleagues and I providing independent anesthesia services in Labor and Delivery at Queen of the Valley Medical Center (Napa, CA) are constantly under the threat of the medical staff office rescinding our contract, due to the actions of CDPH at other hospitals within the state. This needs to stop.

**Why This Bill Is Necessary:**

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**What AB 876 does for CRNA Practice in California:**

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I strongly urge the BRN to support AB 876 and stand with CRNAs in protecting patient care and access to safe anesthesia services.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Dear Members of the Board of Registered Nursing,

Mike Churchin here, CRNA practicing in the Kaiser Southern California system for 32+ years. It is time to stop tolerating twisted, confusing use of regulatory guidelines. The only way to do that is to put providers at decision making tables and provide staunch clarity. CRNAs have provided anesthesia care of the highest quality in this state for over 100 years. I am writing to urge the BRN to support AB 876, a crucial bill that safeguards patient access to anesthesia care by reinforcing the long-established practice of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesiologists (CRNAs) in California.

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With gratitude,

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**From:** John Sun  
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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

John Sun, CRNA

Central Valley Anesthesia Providers

Community Regional Medical Center

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Fresno, CA

**From:** Jason Sherman  
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Dear Members of the Board of Registered Nursing,

My name is Jason Sherman, and I have been a practicing Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. I have been practicing and teaching in California for 22 years. CRNA have been providing safe high quality independent care for over 100 years. Stop trying to cripple access for Californians. I am writing to urge the BRN to support AB 876, a crucial bill that safeguards patient access to anesthesia care by reinforcing the long-established practice of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesiologists (CRNAs) in California.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [michael.hobart](#)  
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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Michael Hobart, CRNA  
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Fresno CA

6 years of independent practice as a CRNA.

I provide over 1000 anesthetics per year for the people of California.

I began in healthcare in 2003 as a nursing assistant and graduated nursing school in 2007.

**From:** Tami Glenn  
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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tami S. Glenn

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

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St Helena, CA



Dear Members of the Board of Registered Nursing,

I am writing to urge the BRN to support AB 876, a crucial bill that safeguards patient access to anesthesia care by reinforcing the long-established practice of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesiologists (CRNAs) in California. I have been a CRNA for 5 years, Registered Nurse for 16 years. CRNAs are already providing safe anesthesia in locations of underserved communities, don't limit healthcare to the already disadvantaged communities by restricting CRNA independent practice.

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Sincerely,

Jenette Schaffrath , CRNA

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San Bernardino , CA

**From:** Gabriel Punsalan  
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I strongly encourage the Board of Registered Nursing to support AB 876 and stand with CRNAs in protecting patient care and ensuring safe, timely anesthesia services. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Gabriel Punsalan, CRNA, MS

Dana Point, CA

**From:** [Stacie Smith](#)  
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Sincerely,

Stacie Smith, CRNA  
[ssmithcrna@gmail.com](mailto:ssmithcrna@gmail.com)  
San Francisco, CA

**From:** Joshua Kemper  
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**Dear Members of the Board of Registered Nursing,**

I am writing to strongly support **AB 876**, which is essential to maintaining patient access to anesthesia services and preventing regulatory overreach from the **California Department of Public Health (CDPH)** that undermines CRNA practice and hospital operations.

I have been practicing as a **Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)** since 2015, with over **1,000 cases annually**, and have worked as a nurse since **January 2010**. In my experience, **AB 876 is necessary to reinforce what has already been established in California law: CRNAs practice independently and require only a physician's order to administer anesthesia—nothing more, nothing less.**

Despite this legal clarity, **surgeons and other providers remain uncertain and unclear about their liability and responsibilities for CRNA practice**, even after thorough explanations. Many still operate under the mistaken assumption that they must actively supervise CRNAs, a misconception exacerbated by **CDPH's inconsistent and disruptive regulatory actions**. The recent **CDPH survey drama** has led to an exhausting amount of **time spent reassuring hospital staff at contracted facilities**, along with additional hours revising policies and procedures—not to improve patient safety, but simply to **anticipate the next challenge from a surveyor with an agenda**.

This is more than an administrative burden; it directly **threatens anesthesia services and, by extension, surgical services in this medically underserved region**. The fallout from CDPH's interference is already evident—at **Doctors Medical Center of Modesto, over 1,000 surgeries were canceled or delayed** due to misguided regulatory actions. This is **not about expanding CRNA scope—it's about ensuring continued access to safe, effective anesthesia care without regulatory roadblocks**.

**AB 876 must be passed because it:**

**Prevents regulatory overreach**, ensuring CRNAs can provide anesthesia without unnecessary restrictions.

**Codifies the 2012 CSA v. Brown decision**, reaffirming that a physician's order—not supervision—is all that is required.

**Eliminates confusion for hospitals and surgeons**, reducing administrative and legal uncertainties that disrupt patient care.

**Protects access to anesthesia services**, especially in rural and underserved communities where CRNAs are often the sole providers.



**For over 100 years, CRNAs have safely delivered anesthesia in California. The Board of Registered Nursing must support AB 876 to prevent CDPH interference from jeopardizing patient care and hospital operations.**

Thank you for your time and commitment to ensuring the integrity of anesthesia services in California.

**Sincerely,**

**Joshua Kemper, DNP, CRNA**

Principal, Kemper Anesthesia

Partner, Sierra Nurse Anesthesia

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Sharon French  
BSN, RN, CCRN  
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ICU RN, Nurse Anesthesiology Resident

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Fresno, CA

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- I have been an independent practitioner for 8 years and I do over 1,200 cases per year for underprivileged communities
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- The rumors from the 2024 CDPH surveys erroneous interpretation of CRNA scope of practice directly affects our ability to get new contracts and to practice fully to our scope in California

Sincerely,

Carlos Camara

CRNA

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I have worked my entire nurse anesthetist career as an independent provider in under-served areas in the state of California. Currently I am practicing at the busiest level 1 trauma facilities in Fresno, CA. CDPH came to our facility last year and performed a review of our hospital which clearly targeted and attempted to abolish CRNA independent practice. Our hospital takes care of the most sick and vulnerable in our area, receive multiple transfers daily from

other facilities while our own emergency department struggles with patient overflow. Our hospital, which is mostly federally subsidized, would not be able to provide the care and volume of surgeries needed, if they were not able to have independently practicing CRNAs. The whole country is experiencing a huge shortage in anesthesia providers. Limiting our scope of practice would handicap the already struggling healthcare system in our state.

Sincerely,  
Nadia Mihaljcic, CRNA, MS  
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Fresno, CA

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I have been a CRNA for 10 years now, practicing independently for 5 years. In the hospital system that I currently work in there was a change to require the MD anesthesiologist to attend the emergency airway code with the CRNA. This had a detrimental effect on patient care by delaying response times and reducing the number of staff that were available for concurrent emergent situations. This tied up needed healthcare resources without any evidence-based need to do so.

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**Johana Perez | CRNA**

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I have been a registered nurse for 20 years, 15 years as a CRNA. I have worked in the private sector and now currently

In the federal system (VA Medical Center). Access to anesthesia care is already lacking in our state and supporting this bill would improve access to anesthesia care in the state. Constant effort and representation is essential in maintaining independent practice to all our advanced practice nurses including CRNAs.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Norman D. Bontogon, CRNA

Chief Nurse Anesthetist- VA Central California Health Care System  
Fresno, California

**From:** Kiren Marquez  
**To:** Clark, Marissa@DCA  
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As a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesiologist (CRNA) practicing in California, I am writing to respectfully request the Board's support for Assembly Bill (AB) 876. This critical legislation is essential to maintaining patient access to high-quality anesthesia care by reinforcing the established and safe practice of CRNAs within the state.

**Rationale for Supporting AB 876:**

Recent actions undertaken by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) have introduced unwarranted impediments to CRNA practice, thereby posing a potential threat to both patient safety and timely access to necessary medical services. For instance, at Doctors Medical Center of Modesto, over 1,000 surgical procedures were reportedly canceled or delayed due to CDPH intervention. Furthermore, the CDPH has allegedly exerted pressure on healthcare facilities to implement restrictions on CRNAs that exceed statutory requirements and has purportedly attempted to prevent CRNA participation in airway emergency response teams, which could compromise patient well-being in critical situations.

**Key Provisions of AB 876 Regarding CRNA Practice in California:**

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**The Critical Role of CRNAs in California's Healthcare System:**

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- \* The profession of nurse anesthesia has a well-established record of delivering high-quality



and safe patient outcomes.

- \* It is important to note that AB 876 does not seek to expand the scope of CRNA practice but rather to provide clarity regarding existing law to prevent undue regulatory interference.

- \* Passage of AB 876 is vital to ensuring continued access to anesthesia services throughout California, particularly in rural and underserved communities where CRNAs often serve as the sole anesthesia providers.

I respectfully urge the Board of Registered Nursing to recognize the importance of AB 876 and to offer its support for this crucial legislation. By doing so, the BRN will stand alongside CRNAs in our commitment to protecting patient care and ensuring access to safe and essential anesthesia services for all Californians.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** Lauryn Hopper  
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Sincerely,

Lauryn Hopper  
CRNA, DNAP  
602-309-4351  
Fresno, California

**From:** KENNETH NGUYEN  
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Sent from my iPhone

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Sincerely,

Nathan Heacock, CRNA, DNP  
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**From:** [Erin Moss](#)  
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Erin Hawkins, Chief CRNA  
e1315m@yahoo.com

**From:** [Devon Boyd](#)  
**To:** [Clark, Marissa@DCA](mailto:Clark_Marissa@DCA)  
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Sincerely,

Devon Boyd CRNA  
Managing Partner, Central Valley Anesthesia Partners  
559-908-6020 [devonboyd619@gmail.com](mailto:devonboyd619@gmail.com)  
Clovis, California

**From:** [Vernon Chad Nielsen](#)  
**To:** [Clark, Marlissa@DCA](mailto:Clark_Marlissa@DCA)  
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Vernon Chad Nielsen  
CRNA, MSNA  
801-349-9790  
Fresno, California

**From:** [diego.cavenaghi](#)  
**To:** [Clark, Marissa@DCA](mailto:Clark.Marissa@DCA)  
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Sincerely,

Diego Cavenaghi CRNA  
VASA Anesthesia PC  
Morpheus Anesthesia Consultants LLC

**From:** [Christian Panaligan](#)  
**To:** [Clark, Marissa@DCA](mailto:Clark, Marissa@DCA)  
**Subject:** Support AB 876 – Protect CRNA Autonomy & Patient Care  
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Sincerely,

Christian Panaligan  
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist  
christianpanaligan@gmail.com  
408-771-4875  
Fresno, CA



**From:** Heather Blake  
**To:** Clark, Marissa@DCA  
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Thank you for your time and consideration.

On a side note, I have been practicing independently as a CRNA for 10 years, and have been a nurse for over 15 years. I do over 1,000 cases annually.

Sincerely,

Heather Blake, RN, BSN, MSN, CRNA  
423-762-1397  
Santa Cruz, CA

**From:** Ashley Havlicak  
**To:** Clark, Marissa@DCA  
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Sincerely,

Ashley Havlicak, CRNA  
Kaweah Delta Medical Center  
Ashley.havlicak@gmail.com  
435-962-4564  
Visalia, CA

**From:** Mostafa Noori  
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Sincerely,

Mostafa Noori  
CRNA

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Garrick Liang](#)  
**To:** [Clark, Marissa@DCA](mailto:Clark.Marissa@DCA)  
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Sincerely,

Garrick Liang, DNP, CRNA

**From:** Sarah Hibel  
**To:** Clark, Marissa@DCA  
**Subject:** Support AB 876I Protect CRNA autonomy  
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Sincerely,

Sarah Hibel MSN, CRNA

[Schibel@gmail.com](mailto:Schibel@gmail.com)

Sacramento, CA



**From:** Matthew McGulre  
**To:** Clark, Marlissa@DCA  
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Why is this Bill important for patients?

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Sincerely,

Matthew McGuire, CRNA  
Visalia, California

**From:** Alle Omandam  
**To:** Clark, Marissa@DCA  
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Alexandra Omandam  
CRNA, DNAP  
559-916-8514  
Fresno, California

**From:** [Ariele Keats](#)  
**To:** [Clark, Marlissa@DCA](mailto:Clark_Marlissa@DCA)  
**Subject:** Strong Support for AB 876 – Protect CRNA Autonomy & Patient Care  
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I am writing to express my strong support for AB 876, a critical bill that ensures Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) can continue providing safe and independent anesthesia care to patients across California. As a CRNA who has been practicing independently in Southern California for the past three years and an RN with over 16 years of experience in the state, I have witnessed firsthand the vital role CRNAs play in delivering high-quality anesthesia services, particularly in labor and delivery.

The unnecessary regulatory interference from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has already had a devastating impact on patient care. The situation at Doctors Medical Center of Modesto, where over 1,000 surgeries were canceled or delayed due to CDPH overreach, is just one example of how these regulatory pressures endanger access to anesthesia services. Additionally, CDPH's attempts to prevent CRNAs from responding to airway emergencies put patient lives at risk. AB 876 is necessary to prevent such disruptions and ensure that hospitals continue to provide safe and timely care to their communities.

Since 1988, the Board of Registered Nursing has affirmed that anesthesia and surgery are separate responsibilities, allowing CRNAs to manage anesthesia independently. AB 876 does not expand our scope of practice but rather clarifies the role that CRNAs have successfully fulfilled for decades. By reinforcing the 2012 CSA v. Brown decision, this bill prevents hospitals from imposing unnecessary supervision requirements that are not legally mandated.

As a CRNA working primarily in OB anesthesia, I provide critical services to a hospital that sees approximately 1,500 deliveries per year, with nearly 80% of patients utilizing anesthesia services. Without independent CRNAs, it would be extremely difficult to meet the 24/7 anesthesia needs of labor and delivery units, particularly in rural and underserved areas. Restricting CRNA practice would only exacerbate the healthcare provider shortages and limit access to care for vulnerable patients.

Furthermore, despite attempts by my hospital's Chief Medical Officer (CMO) to require physician supervision for CRNAs at night, we have continued to provide safe and effective anesthesia care while working independently. For the past five years, there has not been a single poor OB outcome while CRNAs have been delivering anesthesia independently at our facility. We also play a crucial role in responding to obstetrical and other emergencies when we are the sole anesthesia providers in-house. These facts further reinforce that CRNAs are fully capable of providing high-quality care without unnecessary oversight.

I urge you to support AB 876 to ensure that CRNAs can continue responding to airway

emergencies, administering anesthesia with a physician's order, and providing essential care without unnecessary regulatory burdens. This bill is vital for protecting patient safety, preventing unlawful CDPH interference, and maintaining access to high-quality anesthesia services throughout California.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate your commitment to ensuring the highest standards of care for California patients.

Sincerely,  
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Oxnard, CA

**From:** William Frappalo  
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Sincerely,

William Frappaolo, DNP, CRNA

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**From:** Luke Manalo  
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Luke Manalo  
Nurse Anesthetist  
(832)2315079  
Martinez, CA

**From:** [Eric Longenecker](#)  
**To:** [Clark, Marissa@DCA](mailto:Clark, Marissa@DCA)  
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Hi Marissa,

My name is Eric Longenecker, and I am a practicing CRNA based on the Sacramento area, but I believe that I can provide a unique perspective concerning CRNA practice in California.

I work primarily in Sacramento at a large trauma center, but I also work at another hospital in high risk labor and delivery, and I also work in a rural hospital, where CRNA's are independent, and the only providers available in a large section of Northern California.

By supporting AB 876, you'll be ensuring safe anesthesia services to people throughout the state, especially in rural areas. You'll also be helping set an example of what a collaborative healthcare practice can look like for the entire nation.

Every day, CRNA's are providing anesthetic care to patients that range from the elderly to infants, healthy to critically ill. We provide sedation throughout the hospital, labor anesthesia for Mom's, and general anesthesia in the OR's.

With your support for AB 876, you'll be able to ensure care for all types of patients, especially to those in rural areas, who have just as many healthcare needs, but without as many providers.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Eric Longenecker

**From:** Tyler Sobotka  
**To:** Clark, Marissa@DCA  
**Subject:** Support AB 876 – Protect CRNA Autonomy & Patient Care  
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Tyler Sobotka, DNP-A, CRNA  
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Visalia, CA

**From:** Matei Chelbegean  
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I've been an RN in California since 2009 and a nurse anesthetist in California since 2021. I work without anesthesiologist supervision and do over 1000 cases per year, including neurosurgery, polytrauma, vascular, and pediatrics. The Fresno area suffers from a lack of anesthesia providers and I frequently work overtime to cover the volume of cases required by the community. It is a privilege to be able to provide access to care and I wish to support safeguarding that for the future. Central Valley is in much need of continued and unchanged, if not expanded, access to anesthesia care.

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Thank you for consideration,

Sincerely,

Matei Chelbegean

CRNA, MS Nursing

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Fresno, CA

**From:** [Julian Panolli](#)  
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Sincerely,

Julian Panolli  
CRNA, DNAP  
630-205-1467

Sent from my iPhone  
Julian Panolli

**From:** Saul Perez  
**To:** Clark, Marissa@DCA  
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Fresno, California

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Sincerely,

Greg Markman  
CRNA  
530-219-8826  
Davis, California



**From:** [Wmenyhay](#)  
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William Menyhay CRNA  
559-696-0686

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**Sincerely,**

**Rod Hoover**

**DNAP, MS, CRNA**

**Chief CRNA**

**Adventist Health, Central Valley Network**

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Partner, Central Valley Anesthesia Partners  
Email: [Silverbackcorp@gmail.com](mailto:Silverbackcorp@gmail.com)  
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Sincerely,

Talitha Moton  
CRNA, DNP  
410-294-1640  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Mia Galassi](#)  
**To:** [Clark, Marissa@DCA](mailto:Clark.Marissa@DCA)  
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LCDR, Nurse Corps, US Navy  
949-412-4285

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I strongly urge the BRN to support AB 876 and stand with CRNAs in protecting patient care and access to safe anesthesia services.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Eric F. Molina DNAP, CRNA  
President, Mission Anesthesiology  
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Sincerely,

Christopher M. Baylis CRNA  
(562)972-1660

**From:** [Will Engel](#)  
**To:** [Clark, Marissa@DCA](mailto:Clark.Marissa@DCA)  
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As a California CRNA, I am writing to advocate for the passage of AB 876, which is essential for protecting patient access to anesthesia care by upholding the established practices of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesiologists (CRNAs) in California.

**\*\*The Importance of This Bill:\*\***

Recent actions by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) have posed unnecessary challenges to CRNA practice, which consequently endangers both patient safety and access to care. For example, the CDPH's interference at Doctors Medical Center of Modesto led to the cancellation or delay of over 1,000 surgeries. Furthermore, the CDPH has pressured hospitals to enforce restrictions on CRNAs that exceed legal requirements and has even attempted to prevent CRNAs from participating in airway emergency response teams, which puts patient lives at greater risk.

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- \* Clarifies CRNA Scope: Guarantees that hospitals recognize the full extent of CRNAs' responsibilities in anesthesia care.

**\*\*The Critical Role of CRNAs in California's Healthcare System:\*\***

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- \* CRNAs maintain a well-established reputation for quality and safety.
- \* AB 876 clarifies existing law to prevent regulatory overreach, rather than expanding the CRNA scope of practice.
- \* AB 876 is vital for ensuring continued access to anesthesia care throughout the state, especially in rural and underserved areas.

Therefore, I strongly urge the BRN to support AB 876 and join CRNAs in our commitment to protecting patient care and ensuring access to safe anesthesia services.

Sincerely,

William Engel  
18001 Hartfield Cir.  
Huntington Beach, CA 92649  
(562) 522-2775

**From:** Christine Truong  
**To:** Clark, Marissa@DCA  
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Sincerely,

Christine Truong  
MSN, MBA, CRNA  
619-876-2095

March 18, 2025

Board of Registered Nursing

1747 N Market Blvd

Sacramento, CA 95834

Dear Members of the Board of Registered Nursing,

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Regards,

Dr. Jose Alberto Rodriguez DNP, CRNA, APRN

1517 W TYLER CT, Visalia, CA 93291

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**To:** Clark, Marissa@DCA  
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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Heather Brown, CRNA, DNAP  
Visalia, California  
(559) 300-7541

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Kelsie Deisinger  
**To:** Clark, Marissa@DCA  
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As a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesiologist (CRNA) for the United States Navy I am an independent provider and know that CRNAs can and do provide safe and effective care for patients.

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Very Respectfully,

Kelsie K. Deisinger, DNP, CRNA  
LT, NC, USN

March 18, 2025

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1747 N Market Blvd

Sacramento, CA 95834

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Dr. Katarzyna Mosley DNP, CRNA, APRN

1517 W TYLER CT, Visalia, CA 93291

**From:** [Darren Brooks](#)  
**To:** [Clark, Marissa@DCA](mailto:Clark.Marissa@DCA)  
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I have been practicing as a CRNA for ~1.5 years, independently. I do roughly 2000 cases a year. My practice has been targeted by CDPH. While some of their suggestions aim to improve patient safety and care others seem to target and diminish CRNA autonomy unfairly and punitively. If you review the research you will learn that there is no statistical significance between CRNA patient outcomes and anesthesiologist patient outcomes.

Considering the growing lifespan of American citizens and rising demand for surgical procedures, the demand for anesthesia providers is bound to grow drastically overtime. Keep patient needs at the forefront of this discussion. In order to meet the increasing demand and provide quality anesthesia for people now and in the future, CRNAs will be needed to practice independently to give more patients access to healthcare. I beg the state of California to continue being a leader and example for other states by supporting AB 876. I strongly urge the BRN to support AB 876 and stand with CRNAs in protecting patient care and access to safe anesthesia services.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Darren Brooks, DNP, CRNA  
Dwbj24@yahoo.com  
Fresno, CA

**From:** Terry Richmond  
**To:** Clark, Marissa@DCA  
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Sincerely,  
Theresa Richmond  
CRNA  
Terry.richmond13@gmail.com  
Oakland, CA

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Tuyen Lee  
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As a practicing CRNA, I frequently find myself needing to justify my practice and scope when contracting with new sites, which can be time-consuming and unnecessary. The rumors from the 2024 CDPH surveys have indeed affected new contracts, as some facilities

have become hesitant to engage CRNAs due to perceived regulatory risks.

I strongly urge the BRN to support AB 876 and stand with CRNAs in protecting patient care and access to safe anesthesia services.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tuyen Lee, DNAP, CRNA  
626-888-1215  
Monterey Park, CA

**From:** Gregory Crawford  
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Sincerely,

Gregory M Crawford, MSN, CRNA

916-790-8529

Folsom, California

**From:** CJ Ellison  
**To:** Clark, Marissa@DCA  
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Dear Members of the Board of Registered Nursing,

My name is Casey Ellison. I have been an independently practicing CRNA in rural California for approximately 6 years at a facility that offers approximately 30,000 surgery and procedural interventions with Anesthesia per year.

I am writing to urge the BRN to support AB 876, a crucial bill that safeguards patient access to anesthesia care by reinforcing the long-established practice of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesiologists (CRNAs) in California.

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I strongly urge the BRN to support AB 876 and stand with CRNAs in protecting patient care and access to safe anesthesia services.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Casey J. Elison  
CRNA  
Cell: 208-340-7894  
Fresno, California



**From:** becky.ashlock  
**To:** Clark, Marissa@DCA  
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### **Why AB 876 Is Critical**

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### **My Perspective as a Nurse Anesthesiologist & Educator**

With 30 years of nursing experience and 15 years as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, I have seen firsthand the vital role CRNAs play in ensuring safe, accessible, and high-quality anesthesia care across California. Throughout my career, I have provided anesthesia in various clinical settings, including those serving vulnerable and underserved populations.

Beyond clinical practice, I have dedicated myself to nursing education. I have taught as an adjunct professor in an ADN community college program and now serve as full-time faculty in the Nurse Anesthesia Program at UC Davis. I have trained the next generation of CRNAs, preparing them to meet California's growing demand for anesthesia services—especially in rural and medically underserved areas. The unnecessary regulatory barriers CDPH imposes only exacerbate provider shortages and limit patient access to critical care.

### **What AB 876 Will Accomplish**

- **Eliminates Unnecessary Regulations**—This ensures that anesthesia care decisions remain in the hands of qualified providers, not unnecessary regulatory constraints.
- **Codifies the 2012 CSA v. Brown Decision** – Reaffirms that CRNAs can

independently administer anesthesia with a physician's order without requiring physician supervision.

- Prevents Unlawful CDPH Overreach – Stops disruptive regulatory interference that threatens patient care and hospital operations.
- Clarifies CRNA Scope of Practice – Provides clear legal guidance to hospitals, ensuring CRNAs can fully exercise their anesthesia expertise without unjust restrictions.

## **CRNAs: A Pillar of California's Healthcare System**

- CRNAs have safely provided anesthesia care in California for over a century, demonstrating exceptional quality and safety in practice.
- AB 876 does not expand CRNA's scope of practice—it simply reinforces existing law to prevent unwarranted regulatory overreach.
- AB 876 ensures continued anesthesia care access statewide, particularly in rural and underserved communities, where CRNAs are often the sole anesthesia providers.

In supporting AB 876, the BRN will be taking a decisive stand for patient safety, surgical access, and the professional integrity of CRNAs across California. I respectfully urge you to advocate for this legislation and uphold the vital role of CRNAs in delivering safe, high-quality anesthesia care.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate your commitment to advancing healthcare excellence in our state.

Sincerely,

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Dear Members of the Board of Registered Nursing,

It is rules like these that make a huge difference how you can change the system to be a better one. I am writing to urge the BRN to support AB 876, a crucial bill that safeguards patient access to anesthesia care by reinforcing the long-established practice of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesiologists (CRNAs) in California and provides valuable and cost-effective services to citizens.

Action by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has created unnecessary barriers to CRNA practice, threatening both patient safety and access to care. At Doctors Medical Center of Modesto, over 1,000 surgeries were canceled or delayed due to CDPH interference. CDPH has pressured hospitals to impose restrictions on CRNAs beyond what is required by law, and even attempted to prevent CRNAs from participating in airway emergency response teams, putting patient lives at risk. There are politically motivated actions to protect their own jobs at the cost of denying patients valuable cost effective medical care.

AB 876 eliminates unnecessary regulations and allows anesthesia care decisions to be made by providers, not regulators who don't have a full understanding of how things work in an operating room and hospital.

This regulation codifies the 2012 CSA v. Brown Decision by affirming that that CRNAs can administer anesthesia with a physician's order but with no supervision required. It also prevents unlawful CDPH Overreach and halts regulatory interference that disrupts care and threatens patient safety. Solidifies regulations on CRNA Scope by ensuring hospitals understand CRNAs' full anesthesia care responsibilities. CRNAs Are essential to the state health system and have safely provided anesthesia care in California for over 100 years. We have a well-documented track record of quality and safety.

AB 876 does not expand CRNA scope of practice—it simply clarifies existing law to prevent regulatory overreach. This assures continued access to anesthesia care across the state, especially in rural and underserved areas. I strongly urge the BRN to support AB 876 and stand with CRNAs in protecting patient care and access to safe anesthesia services. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Many thanks for your assistance,  
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**Why This Bill Is Necessary:**

Recent actions by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) have created unnecessary barriers to CRNA practice, threatening both patient safety and access to care. At Doctors Medical Center of Modesto, over 1,000 surgeries were canceled or delayed due to CDPH interference. CDPH has also pressured hospitals to impose restrictions on CRNAs beyond what is required by law, and even attempted to prevent CRNAs from participating in airway emergency response teams, putting patient lives at risk.

**What AB 876 does for CRNA Practice in California:**

- Eliminates Unnecessary Regulations – Keeps anesthesia care decisions with providers, not regulators.
- Codifies the 2012 CSA v. Brown Decision – Affirms that CRNAs can administer anesthesia with a physician's order—no supervision required.
- Prevents Unlawful CDPH Overreach – Stops regulatory interference that disrupts care and threatens patient safety.
- Clarifies CRNA Scope – Ensures hospitals understand CRNAs' full anesthesia care responsibilities.

CRNAs Are Critical to California's Healthcare System:

- CRNAs have safely provided anesthesia care in California for over 100 years.
- CRNAs have a well-documented track record of quality and safety.
- AB 876 does not expand CRNA scope of practice—it simply clarifies existing law to prevent regulatory overreach.
- AB 876 ensures continued access to anesthesia care across the state, especially in rural and underserved areas.

I strongly urge the BRN to support AB 876 and stand with CRNAs in protecting patient care and access to safe anesthesia services. I have been a nurse for 20 years and a CRNA for 8. I do thousands of cases a year, providing safe and efficient anesthesia care to California residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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I strongly urge the BRN to support AB 876 and stand with CRNAs in protecting patient care and access to safe anesthesia services.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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**Subject: Support AB 876 – Protect CRNA Autonomy & Patient Care**

March 18, 2025

Dear Members of the Board of Registered Nursing,

As a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) with 36 years of independent practice experience in the specialty of obstetric anesthesia, **I urge the BRN to support AB 876**, a crucial bill that safeguards patient access to anesthesia care by reinforcing the long-established practice of CRNAs in California. I have experience at several critical access, community, and university healthcare facilities in California. I am currently on staff as a licensed practitioner at San Joaquin General Hospital, a 196-bed Level II Trauma Center with a Level III NICU where I administer labor epidurals, provide anesthesia for cesarean sections, and perform maternal and neonatal resuscitation.

Unfortunate actions by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) have made AB 876 necessary in California. The CDPH has created unnecessary barriers to CRNA practice, threatening both patient safety and access to care. As an example, *over 1,000 surgeries were recently canceled or delayed due to CDPH interference* at Doctors Medical Center of Modesto through misinterpretation of CRNA scope. CDPH pressured hospitals to impose restrictions on CRNAs beyond what is required by law and even attempted to prevent CRNAs from participating in airway emergency response teams, putting patient lives at risk.

What AB 876 does for Patients in California

- Eliminates unnecessary regulations, maintaining clinical anesthesia care decisions with professional providers and not just regulators.
- Codifies the CSA v. Brown California Court of Appeals decision that CRNAs do not require physician or anesthesiologist supervision and can administer anesthesia with an “operating practitioner’s” order. *This is the decision the California Supreme Court, 2025 unanimously accepted and refused to re-try in 2012.*
- Prevents unlawful CDPH overreach and stops regulatory interference which disrupts care and threatens patient safety.
- Clarifies CRNA scope, ensuring that hospitals *and regulatory agencies* understand CRNAs’ full anesthesia care responsibilities.

CRNAs Are Critical to California’s Healthcare System

- Nurse anesthetists have safely provided anesthesia care in California for 120 years (Giron & Bordi, CRNA Workforce Study, Nursing Outlook, 2023).
- CRNAs have an exceptional documented track record of quality and safety.
- AB 876 does not expand CRNAs’ scope of practice; rather, *it clarifies existing law* to prevent regulatory overreach.
- AB 876 ensures continued protection of patient access to important anesthesia care services across the state, especially in rural and medically underserved areas.

**I strongly urge the BRN to support AB 876** and stand with its own licensed CRNAs in protecting patient care and access to essential, safe CRNA services across the state.

Sincerely,



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