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**From:** Lynn Curran <lcurranhome@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 12, 2024 8:25 PM  
**To:** KathleenAFogarty@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Jerry Felix; joan@jpmandassociates.com  
**Subject:** house bill 8237

Dear Representative Fogarty,

I am writing to show my support for House Bill 8237 regarding patient safety in the gastroenterology suites. It has come to my attention that Life Span will be allowing nurse practitioners to administer Propofol in moderate sedation cases for colonoscopy and endoscopic procedures. This is a highly dangerous drug if utilized without proper education and expertise. I have been a nurse anesthetist since 1997. I have worked with Propofol on a daily basis so I am aware of how this drug can render apnea when given in combination with other medications or in patients with significant co-morbidities. I reside in your district near Tuckertown Park and have worked at Westerly Hospital, South County Hospital, Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, Roger Williams Hospital, and Woman and Infants along with the St. James Eye Facility. All my experiences have been in the operating rooms and the gastroenterology suites.

Please look closely at this bill as it will have grave implications if Life Span is allowed to continue to overlook safe administration of sedation.

Sincerely,

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