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Dear Mr. Felix:

I would like to thank both you and your RIANA colleagues for presenting your concerns regarding the ordering and administration of Propofol by "sedation nurse practitioners" at the Advanced Practice Advisory Committee on April 1, 2024.

After careful review of the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) and American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA) positions, manufacturer product labeling, and the Rhode Island Nurse Practice Act, and after considering the opinions of the Advisory Committee members, RIDOH does not support the administration of Propofol by Certified Nurse Practitioners.

Please note that this decision is consistent with other states, including, but not limited to, those in New Hampshire, New York, Maine, and Connecticut, which state that Propofol must be administered by a professional trained in the administration of general anesthesia.

Sincerely,

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