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As a practicing physician assistant I know how important it is that there is clarity in the law governing health professionals. Passage of SB 1610 will clarify the role of physician-PA teams in working with our colleagues in nursing.

I ask you to vote “yes” on SB 1610 with the changes as amended by the Senate Health Committee when it is heard in your committee on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Thank you very much for considering this testimony.

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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker

Senator David Y. Ige

### **Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee**

Testimony for CPN 3/3/2009 9:30:00 AM SB1610

Conference room: 229

Testifier position: support

Support of SB 1610: Physician Assistant; Registered Nurse; Medical Orders

The Honorable Senator R. Baker, Chair

Respected Committee Members:

RE; SB-1610 Relating to medical orders.

I, \_\_\_\_\_David Messer\_\_\_\_\_ support SB 1610

The concern as to whether nurses should execute orders from Physician Assistants has been raised in this state and others over the years since establishing the physician assistant model and licensure and utilization of physician assistants. Attorney general opinion in states such as Delaware, Florida and Washington and others have been that nurses should honor a reasonable treatment or medication order issued by a duly licensed physician assistant acting under the supervision of a physician. The nurse who honors such an order does so because it is, in effect, the order of the physician, and does not thereby violate the Nurse Practice Act.<sup>1,2,3</sup> Many states have enacted legislation to specifically address this issue.

Passage of this bill will improve care provided to patients in hospitals by physicians, physician assistants and nurses. It will establish a statute which will clearly define the role of PAs and nurses regarding hospital orders written by physician assistants.

Health care shortages in rural areas of Hawaii are being improved through the utilization of physician assistants both in clinics and hospitals. It is important that physician assistants working under the supervision of physicians be able to write medical orders to be executed by nursing personnel. Any ambiguity in the law could jeopardize safe patient care in the hospital setting.

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We ask your support in passing SB 1610 with changes as amended by the Senate Health Committee.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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**From:** Leslie Huddleston [lhuddpac@gmail.com]  
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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker

Senator David Y. Ige

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Conference room: 229

Testifier position: support

Support of SB 1610: Physician Assistant; Registered Nurse; Medical Orders

The Honorable Senator R. Baker, Chair

Respected Committee Members:

RE: SB-1610 Relating to medical orders.

### **I, Leslie D. Huddleston, RN, PA-C support SB 1610.**

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We ask your support in passing SB 1610 with changes as amended by the Senate Health Committee.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Leslie D. Huddleston, RN, PA-C

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**From:** medex@hawaii.rr.com  
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**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Nurses and their taking orders from Physician Assistants

I support FULLY the ability of nurses to take orders from Physician Assistants. This move forward is only one (but an important one) of many steps that need to be taken to improve THE FUTURE of health care in Hawaii.

Enough of the shortsightedness ... we need to take proven valuable steps like this to continue to improve the health of the people of Hawaii. Otherwise we will see increasing problems with our ability to provide medical care to our population.

The problems with our health care futures are not only related to financing but also to common sense in appropriately improving the availability of appropriately trained and coordinated human resources.

Sincerely (in hopes of continuing to put the needs of the people ahead of outdated protectionism)

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**Eric Arquero**

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**From:** Molly Bryan [mollyibryan@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2009 8:59 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support SB1610

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker

Senator David Y. Ige  
**Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee**

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Conference room: 229

Testifier position: support

Support of SB 1610: Physician Assistant; Registered Nurse; Medical Orders

The Honorable Senator R. Baker, Chair

Respected Committee Members:

RE: SB-1610 Relating to medical orders.

I, Mary "Molly" Bryan, support SB1610.

As a practicing physician assistant I know how important it is that there is clarity in the law governing health professionals. Passage of SB 1610 will clarify the role of physician-PA teams in working with our colleagues in nursing.

Health care shortages in rural areas of Hawaii are being improved through the utilization of physician assistants both in clinics and hospitals. It is important that physician assistants working under the supervision of physicians be able to write medical orders to be accepted and executed by nursing personnel. Any ambiguity in the law could jeopardize safe patient care in the hospital setting. Many states have addressed this issue in the past and have enacted legislation to specifically clarify that orders issued by a physician assistant are, in effect, orders from the supervising physician and should be honored by nursing staff.

As a physician assistant working in the hospital setting, I can see the direct impact this legislation will have on the overall quality of patient care.

I ask you to vote "yes" on SB 1610 with the changes as amended by the Senate Health Committee when it is heard in your committee on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Thank you very much for considering this testimony.

Mary "Molly" Bryan

Maui Memorial Medical Center Hospitalist

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**From:** John [warp11@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2009 9:07 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of SB 1610

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker

Senator David Y. Ige

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Thank you very much for considering this testimony.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Susanna Cheng [syc10@yahoo.com]  
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Conference room: 229

Testifier position: support

Support of SB 1610: Physician Assistant; Registered Nurse; Medical Orders

The Honorable Senator R. Baker, Chair

Respected Committee Members:

RE; SB-1610 Relating to medical orders.

I, Susanna Cheng, support SB 1610

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**From:** Dorien Romanchak [dorienrawe@hotmail.com]  
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**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** SB 1610

I, Dorien Romanchak PA-C support SB 1610

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**From:** Scavelli, Robert A CPT MIL USA OSD [bob.scavelli@us.army.mil]  
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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker

Senator David Y. Ige  
Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee

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Testifier position: support

Support of SB 1610: Physician Assistant; Registered Nurse; Medical Orders

The Honorable Senator R. Baker, Chair

Respected Committee Members:

RE; SB-1610 Relating to medical orders.

Sir/Ma'am,

As a practicing Physician Assistant in the Military and at Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, I would like to pledge my support of SB-1610. Due to health care shortages in rural areas of Hawaii, the utilization of physician assistants both in clinics and hospitals greatly increases the health care of the local population. It is important that physician assistants working under the supervision of physicians be able to write medical orders to be executed by nursing personnel. Any ambiguity in the law could jeopardize safe patient care in the hospital setting. Without the cohesion of the entire medical care team, delays in the execution of orders would be a great detriment to patient care.

We ask your support in passing SB-1610 with changes as amended by the Senate Health Committee. Thank you.

Robert A. Scavelli PA-C, MPAS.