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The Honorable Mike Parson
Governor of Missouri
201 West Capitol Ave., Room 216
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Governor Parson:

On behalf of the 8,000 nurse practitioners who have diligently and compassionately worked to provide exceptional health care to Missouri's citizens amongst extraordinary circumstances, we express our gratitude for all that you have done to provide support for our frontline health care providers and the resources that your office has provided. Specifically, nurse practitioners throughout Missouri are grateful for the suspension of administrative rules and statutory provisions that inhibited access to care and unnecessarily restrained highly educated providers from doing what they are trained to do.

As coronavirus cases continue to plague Missouri citizens and strain the health care resources all across Missouri, we believe that a continued extension of the suspension of rules is warranted. Unfortunately the fight against COVID carries on, and we will continue to see challenges with our health care system long after August 31st. As such, we respectfully request that you consider extending the emergency declaration and waivers that have been extraordinarily helpful to patients throughout our state. A continued suspension ensures that our health care delivery system will retain operational flexibility to allocate limited resources and respond to the demands that the pandemic is placing on our courageous providers.

Should you have any questions or we can assist with anything at all, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Derek Leffert". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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