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The Honorable Charlie Norwood
1707 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Norwood:

On behalf of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA), and the more than 28,000 certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) we represent, I would like to thank you for your efforts to enact a strong and meaningful patient protection bill. We appreciate your efforts.

As you know, AANA has fought for managed care reform for many years. Of most importance to our members is the enactment of provider nondiscrimination language which would allow greater access to the services of non-MD providers for patients covered under managed care plans. We were pleased to see the inclusion of this critical issue in your bill. The introduction of H.R. 2723, the Bipartisan Consensus Managed Care Act of 1999, is an important step in moving the debate forward.

With that in mind, AANA is pleased to offer our support for H.R. 2723. We hope that you are successful in moving this legislation through the process to final enactment into law.

Sincerely,

Jan Stewart, CRNA, ARNP
President