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Dear Ms. Marshall,

In response to your recent request of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM) regarding support of the *Improving Care and Access to Nurses (I CAN) Act*. We asked both our Public Policy Committee and our Board of Directors for feedback on this matter.

While we have been and will continue to support the interdisciplinary nature of hospice and palliative care, we cannot support this legislation in its current form. We believe this position is consistent with AAHPM's Board approved policies over the last several years.

Additionally, the I CAN Act covers a broad range of issues related to expansion of nursing duties well beyond the potential impact on the provision of hospice medicine. AAHPM does not have current policy to support these additional provisions outside the scope of HPM.

Thank you for reaching out to us on this matter.

Sincerely,

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AAHPM President