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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Nebraska's 85 hospitals, I write to advise you that since Nebraska chose to "opt out" from the federal supervision requirement for CRNAs in February 2002, no report of any harmful effect has been registered.

Nebraska has effectively worked to continuously improve the quality of the clinical care our patients receive and to reduce any confusion that may arise over the respective roles of nurse anesthetists and surgeons. Our surgeons and nurse anesthetists work cooperatively together.

I am available to address any questions or comments you may have.

Sincerely,

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President