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You Matter!

Dear Colleagues,

Your voice matters! The short legislative session begins on January 13, 2020 and this will be an uphill battle my friends. We need PAs to organize legislative outreach immediately! WAPA represents ALL Physician Assistants in Washington state, both members and non-members and it is the membership dollars that makes this work possible. We listen and take action regarding PA concerns with the medical commission, advancing legislation/modernize PA practice and laws that affect PAs-both state and federal. This work is never done. Please ensure we can continue to be your voice. Because YOU matter! The delegation agreement issue with the medical commission is resolving. The commission recently launched a one- day approval process on their website. We are thankful to the commission for their responsiveness to this pressing issue. I am grateful to those affected PAs who reached out for help.

A huge thank you to Danielle Satow, PA-C our videographer, the legislative committee, board of directors, regional directors and our lobbyist Chelsea Hager, JD for their hard work in organizing this outreach. If there is one thing I have learned since assuming this role, after 50 years, we need to continue to educate employers on the value we bring to all specialties and understand the imperative to dispel misinformation.

A template letter in support of our bill SB 5411 will be posted soon for your convenience on our website: www.WAPA.com Enlist your supervising physician and as many PA colleagues as possible to send an email to your representative. It is extremely important to be heard by YOU to your representative.

Additionally, PAs will be at the capital to speak to legislators in person on February 5, 2020. Establishing the message prior to February 5th paves the way for these crucial conversations and demonstrates our commitment to this endeavor. Recently, we met with WAPA past presidents to discuss how to move Washington PAs toward membership. It is a nationwide issue. We agreed that education and communication is essential. WAPA is launching social media platforms to keep you informed. We will be posting webinars in January on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and the WAPA website to educate PAs and physicians about our upcoming bill, SB 5411. We will also post a webinar directed toward Human Resource managers on advantages of hiring a PA. Please feel free to view these technology outreaches and share them.

Register today for WAPA PA Lobby Day: [2020 PA Lobby Day Registration Form](#)

We look forward to seeing you in Olympia!

Best regards,
Eileen Ravella PA-C