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Ohio House of Representatives

77 S. High St.

Columbus, OH 43215

Re: HB 501- Change title of veterinary technician to veterinary nurse

The Ohio Student Nurses Association (OhSNA) has been closely following the hearings as well as the movement on behalf of the North American Veterinary Technician Association (NAVTA) while completing our own research on the matter.

OhSNA understands the desire of NAVTA to advocate and advance their profession. Many of our members, while completing their nursing education, work in hospitals as Patient Care Associates (PCA), Patient Services Assistant (PSA), and Clinical Technicians (CT); all of these titles are commonly known as “techs”. We believe techs are not only recognized but a respected and valuable part of the healthcare team.

OhSNA applauds the effort to standardize credentialing and education, however we believe this does not require a name change but rather efforts within the profession itself. Student nurses in Ohio and all over the country complete what is considered one of the toughest undergraduate degrees and then must all sit for our licensing exam in order to earn the privileges of being called a nurse.

OhSNA stands in opposition of HB 501, as the future nurses of Ohio we believe the profession and the title must be protected.

Sincerely,

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