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TO: The Olympia Area Advanced Practice Association

Dear Chris and all members of the Oly Area APA

I want to extend my sincere thanks to you and your organization for your donation to ARNPs United. We are in the middle of the state legislative session, working to serve our patients and protect our practices. We support efforts in Olympia to assure comprehensive health care to all Washington citizens, including integration of behavioral health services. Meanwhile, we are closely monitoring actions on the federal level that may undermine the progress made under the Affordable Care Act. We know repeal of this landmark legislation will infringe on the health care benefits of thousands of Washington State citizens.

Without your support we would not be able to do what we do. Last year we celebrated the Department of Labor and Industries decision to pay us parity reimbursement, equal to that of physicians, for the services we provide.

Please let me know when I can come and meet with your group and review the work we are doing. We are stronger, together.

Sincerely.

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President, ARNPs United of Washington State