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I am in Support of this Bill. These are sensible and common-sense measures of Identification and to make sure that the Public knows who is whom in a Medial setting.



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The Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons supports HB 2534. Patients deserve to know who they are being treated by when they seek health care. In today's healthcare setting this is often difficult to ascertain. Seeing a "doctor" doesn't mean one is seeing a person who graduated from a medical school anymore, but is what most people expect when they visit "the doctor's office." They could be seeing a graduate of a medical school, a doctor of advanced practice nursing, a doctor of physical therapy, a physician assistant, a PhD in psychology psychologist vs. psychiatrist) or even a medical school graduate who has not completed a postgraduate training program and is not licenses as a physician in Missouri. It is all very confusing, especially to the lay person who simply wants to get well. In a hospital setting, this can be even more confusing with multiple provider types, and many other ancillary providers, all involved in the care of a patient, but not easily identified. The differences in education and training of these various healthcare providers are important distinctions, and since patients are not only paying for these services, but counting on expertise, they deserve a transparent process to ensure it is very clear what type of provider they are seeing.



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Always in support of transparency when dealing with health care issues. You want to know who and what you're dealing with before you step into any health care environment.



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Dear Chairperson Stephens/Members of the Committee on Health and Mental Health Policy: On behalf of the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery Association (ASDSA), representing 6,400+ dermatologic surgeons, I urge the House Health and Mental Health Committee to support House Bill 2534, Advertisements of Health Care Practitioners. The enactment of this legislation is an important step in protecting patients and allowing them to make informed decisions about who is providing their healthcare. This legislation would provide clarity to patients who are seeking care from a dermatologist or other physician by limiting who could use the title physician in any title, advertisement or other communication with the public. HB 2534 would require that any advertisement for health care services to include a health care practitioner's name, title. Further, it would require any advertisement that refers to board certification of a health care practitioner must include the entire name of the board that issued the certification and would consider it fraudulent for practitioners to claim board certification when they are not currently board certified. This measure would prohibit any advertisement from containing any information that falsely describes or misrepresents the health care practitioner's skills, training, education or board certification. Dermatologists diagnose and treat more than 3,000 diseases, including skin cancer, psoriasis, immunologic diseases and many genetic disorders. As physicians, we believe in order to ensure quality patient care and patient safety, those who regulate and deliver medical care have an obligation to inform the public of the qualifications and limitations of the persons providing their care prior to treatment. All health care practitioners should identify or disclose their degree or field of study, board certification (if any) and licensure to each patient. Patients can become frustrated when navigating the health care system, and the lack of information and transparency associated with the training and education of providers – including physicians, technicians, nurses and physician assistants – only make providing care to those who need it most difficult. Without the necessary information regarding the wide array of professionals who work in healthcare settings, patients become understandably confused. Ambiguous advertisements and marketing further exacerbate the problem. With the ever-expanding health care system, the problem is likely to worsen. We believe that transparency in medical advertising and direct-to-patient interactions should disclose the level of licensure of providers. This legislation addresses this by mandating that any advertisements must include the type of license the provider holds and prohibiting deceptive or misleading terms or false representations. Possessing this information will allow patients to make better informed healthcare choices and assist them in seeing the provider best suited to care for them. Additionally, requiring health care practitioners seeing patients on a face-to-face basis to wear a name badge that clearly states their name and the type of license an individual holds lets patients know who is "behind the white coat"; we encourage using clear, complete terminology rather than hard to understand acronyms or abbreviations on these IDs. We further support the legislation's

requirement that a health care practitioner prominently displays their licenses in an office area visible to current and prospective patients. Patients deserve to be provided with clear information about who is providing their medical care. HB2534 will ensure transparency by prohibiting false and misleading advertising, and requiring health care practitioners to list their levels of licensure in advertisements, office postings and identification badges. To best protect the citizens of Missouri, we urge you to support House Bill 2534 which would provide patients with the necessary information concerning who is providing their health care. Should you have any questions please contact Kristin Hellquist, ASDSA Interim Executive Director, at [khellquist@asds.net](mailto:khellquist@asds.net).



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My name is Dr. Joanne Loethen. I am a physician (MD) from Kansas City testifying in SUPPORT of HB 2534 - Advertisements of Health Care Practitioners. Health care is a team-based profession. With various team members with various degrees and training in health care, it is essential that patients be able to easily identify a professional's training and title. Former President Reagan is known to have said, "Government's first duty is to protect the people, not run their lives." HB 2534 aligns with this. HB2534 does not dictate which professional a patient can or cannot see regarding her/his health care. It merely enhances the patient's ability to clearly determine the background and title of a professional to make an informed decision about which trained professional is providing a given service. I ask that you SUPPORT HB 2534.



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When you or your loved one is in an emergency, or even just sick, the last thing that you need to have is confusion related to your care. With the stress of illness or trauma, it can be extremely difficult to understand all of the information thrown at you. During the hospital setting, it can be difficult enough to understand who everyone is due to the majority wearing the same clothing - scrubs or white coats. During this difficult time the added burden of deciphering the roles of the health care employees should not be an additional stress. Only an MD or DO should be allowed to use the term Doctor or Physician in these settings. Other Health Care team members should also be appropriately designated by their roles, such as; Nurse, Pharmacist, etc. PhD or other programs such as Doctorate of Nursing are wonderful programs, however, the patients deserve to know who is providing their care, and what their credentials are. I believe that this Bill should be immediately passed. We must always strive to provide patients with information that they understand, keep them more involved in their care, and decrease confusion. As a Health Care Professional I support this Bill. As a voter in Missouri I support this Bill. Most importantly, as a future patient, and for the good of my family and children as future patients, I support this Bill.



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The MO Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons supports this legislation and feels strongly that more needs to be done in MO to ensure that patients have all of the necessary information about their health care provider so that they can make informed decisions about their treatment.



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Dear Committee Members, I am writing to voice my firm opposition to HB 2534, a bill that seeks to restrict the use of the title "Doctor" by healthcare practitioners. If concerns arise regarding potential confusion, I recommend that physicians utilize their specific credentials, such as "physician" or "physician and surgeon," to distinguish themselves. It would be unjust and discriminatory to restrict nurses with doctoral degrees from using the title "Doctor" while allowing individuals from other healthcare professions to do so freely. I urge you to consider the extensive list of healthcare-related professions that confer doctoral degrees, all of which rightly employ the title "Doctor": Doctor of Acupuncture (D.Ac., D.Acu.) Doctor of Audiology (Au.D) Doctor of Behavioral Health (D.B.H.) Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C.) Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.) Doctor of Health Administration (D.H.A.) Doctor of Medical Humanities (D.M.H.) Doctor of Occupational Therapy (O.T.D., D.O.T.) Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (D.P.M.) Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D) Doctor of Public Health (DPH)

In conclusion, I strongly oppose HB 2534, as it unfairly targets nurses with doctoral degrees. Failing to extend equal treatment to all healthcare professionals in the use of honorifics is discriminatory and diminishes the accomplishments and contributions of nurses. Thank you for considering my testimony. Respectfully, Aleasha Elliott, MSN, FNP-C Family Nurse Practitioner 573-560-8046 aleashalelliott@gmail.com



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I was raised in a very rural part of the United States in a town of around 72 people, and was one of the first people in my family to ever attend college. I received a MSN-FNP in 2016 and received a Doctor of Nursing Practice 2019. This was by far an honor for myself and my entire community. I am currently a FNP-C, and ACPNP and most recently graduated in 2022 with an additional Masters in Palliative Care. I often use the title Doctor in an academic setting and proudly have DNP as part of my title at my place of employment. I feel I worked very hard for my credentials and should be able to display them just as any other specialization that pursued and obtained their degree. I am honored to be an advanced practice registered nurse and proudly display all credentials for my patients and students to see. Not allowing nursing professionals to utilize and display their credentials is discriminatory and offensive to the entire profession. I truly feel this will harm the professional growth of our current and future nursing professionals and will also have significant impacts on the status of academic growth in the state of Missouri. As residents of Missouri we should stand proud and support all professional accomplishments of our citizens and certainly should not consider legislation that will impact growth of the one of the most trusted professions in our nation.



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**Just as a non healthcare professional, I completed a Doctorate degree at a Missouri university, but in Nursing Practice. I am a Nurse Practitioner. I am not a physician. I do not claim the title, license or position of a physician, yet I have earned the title of Dr.**



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**This is discriminatory. You are not targeting any other professions with doctoral degrees.**



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I am writing to express my strong opposition to Bill Number 2534, which seeks to penalize Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) for using the title "Doctor." I believe this bill is discriminatory, lacks empirical evidence of harm, and is a regressive measure that undermines the principles of equality and fairness. Firstly, the proposed legislation appears to be rooted in sexist and misogynistic biases. Restricting APRNs, who have earned doctorate degrees, from using the title "Doctor" sends a clear message that their achievements are undervalued compared to their counterparts in other male dominated professions. This is not only discriminatory but also perpetuates gender inequality, an issue we should collectively strive to eradicate. Furthermore, there is no substantial data to support the claim that using the title "Doctor" by APRNs poses any harm. APRNs, like other healthcare professionals with doctorate degrees, have undergone rigorous education and training. Penalizing them for using an earned title without evidence of harm is unjust and, more importantly, sets a dangerous precedent for legislative decision-making. It is also essential to address the apparent hypocrisy in singling out APRNs while other professions with doctorate degrees, such as veterinary medicine, are not subject to similar restrictions. This inconsistency raises questions about the underlying motivations behind the proposed legislation and contributes to its perceived unfairness. I urge you to reconsider this bill and engage in a more inclusive dialogue with healthcare professionals to address any concerns or misunderstandings that may have led to its introduction. Collaborative efforts can lead to legislation that is both fair and just, ensuring that the rights and recognition of all individuals, regardless of their gender or profession, are protected. Finally, I would like to express my concern that such legislative actions may be perceived as a power play by a group of individuals who, for various reasons, seem determined to marginalize and undermine the achievements of APRNs. I believe our legislative system should reflect the principles of equity, fairness, and respect for all citizens. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will consider the broader implications of this bill and work towards a more inclusive and equitable healthcare environment.



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All individuals who have worked for and paid for their doctorate should be able to utilize the prefix "Dr." and be referred to using their earned title. No other discipline challenges this; a person with a Doctorate in Education is referred to as Dr. Nurses and other health care providers should also be able to use this education backed prefix so long as they do not identify themselves as a physician or medical doctor without proper licensing. The prefix identifies a level of education, not a discipline.



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**A Nurse Practitioner with a Doctorate is just as qualified as a doctor. They deserve to be able to wear the title of doctor as they have achieved that level in their career and education.**



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Advanced Practice Nurses should be able to use their credential of Dr just like all other people who have earned a doctorate degree. I believe full name and title should be used for all medical professionals: Dr. Joe Smith, M.D; Dr. Joe Smith, DO; Dr. Joe Smith ARPN; Dr. Joe Smith, NMD and nonmedical person Dr Joe Smith, JD ect. Each one has earned a doctoral degree and should be free to use that designation without restrictions..



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I'm writing in strong opposition of this bill. I have a Ph.D. In Counseling Psychology which took me a total of 11 years of higher education. In fact it took me longer to get my doctorate then it takes medical providers. We go through rigorous clinical training and a pre-doctoral clinical internship that is similar to the medical residency and even uses the same matching system for nationwide placement. I never imply I am a doctor of medicine. In fact I typically introduce myself to others and patients by noting that I am a Licensed Psychologist with a doctorate in Counseling Psychology. Removing the ability to call myself and others by the doctor title has implications for billing and professional opportunities. This could result in the highest skilled clinicians leaving the state or no longer practicing within the state of Missouri. Instead choosing to see patients in other states via telehealth. There is clearly a mental health crisis in this state and removing the ability for psychologists to clearly state their degree status will hurt the residents of the state. It will also hurt my ability to recruit the brightest clinicians from around the country to come to my office in Columbia, MO. This hurting the MU students, faculty, and staff we serve.



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Those of us that have gone to school and obtained our doctorate should be able to use the term. I do not call myself a physician, but am so proud to be a nurse with a doctorate degree.



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If the title of DOCTOR is to be removed for APRNs, then will this be completed for all other professions with DOCTORATE degree programs? This would be an act of malice towards the nursing profession as a whole. We do not claim to be PHYSICIANS and would not want to. We are NURSES and we are proud to serve our patients. We only strive to serve their needs more fully within our scope of practice, supported by extensive educational and experience levels, up to and including a DOCTORATE degree. We are NOT asking for any sort of "hand-outs". We are simply fighting to better serve our patients and their needs. Missouri deserves better!



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I have obtained my doctorate degree as a nurse practitioner and deserve the right to notify patients of such. I have never claimed to be a physician, and I introduce myself as Dr. Pankau, I am a nurse practitioner with a clinical doctorate degree, I am not a physician. To attempt to take that title away from those who have gone the extra mile to achieve this status is frankly discrimination. In no other profession that allows the doctoral educational level is it justified to remove this earned title. What this house bill proposes is insulting to those providers that have spent years and money to obtain a higher level of education so that we may be better prepared to improve the lives of our patients. It is as if our contributions to Healthcare are worthless to the supporters of this bill. My patients are well aware of my educational background and that I am proud to be a nurse practitioner, they choose to see me, and now this bill wants to erase my advanced degree. To assume that I am unethical and would misrepresent my profession, or that my patients can not possibly understand the difference is also insulting. This bill not only is disrespectful and basically attempts to hide our accomplishments, but also makes assumptions about the intelligence of the general population. I strongly urge you not to support this or any bill like it that wants to erase the doctoral level of accomplishments from nurse practitioners. Nurses provide the bulk of Healthcare in this state and nation, many times seeing marginalized populations that do not draw physicians. Supporting this bill will not improve Healthcare but potentially discourage others from achieving the highest level of education in their field. I ask you, is that what you really want to support, a decrease in the quality of care? I can not possibly imagine that to be a true statement. Submitted with Respect Dr. Deb Pankau, DNP, FNP -BC Family Nurse Practitioner



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I am writing in opposition of HB2534. The term doctor is not limited to just medical doctors. Those who have earned their doctorate have earned a terminal degree in their profession. Using the title Dr is something that is earned and should not be taken away. I guarantee if this bill was to pass then there will be numerous lawsuits. The fact that this is even a bill taking up your precious time is just asinine. Your time should be focused on issues that are truly impacting the residents of Missouri like healthcare access and costs.



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I am Dr. Brian Smith, DNP, PMHNP-BC. I am NOT a PHYSICIAN, but I earned the title of DOCTOR as a nurse practitioner. I am disgusted that anyone would think they have the right to take that away from me. It is a sign to my patients, students, and colleagues that I have completed the pinnacle degree in nursing and can safely practice as a leader in the healthcare system. Missouri already has a severe need for more high quality healthcare providers, and this insulting attempt to further limit and degrade a large portion of our citizen's healthcare force cannot stand. Please show our state's nurse practitioners and their patients that Missouri supports them and their best health.



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**As a PhD, I am offended by the narrow minds that want to exclude the use of Dr. by someone other than an MD. Get your PhD then make an informed decision about the diligence and fortitude required of the degree. Do better!**



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I am Dr. JoAnn Franklin. I hold a doctorate of nursing practice which is an academic degree. I never call myself physician which is a term specific to MD or DO physicians. Any person achieving a doctorate is privileged and is allowed to call themselves "Doctor". This included vets, dentists, superintendent and professors. This is insane to claim Doctor as only a physician title. I earned and paid for my doctorate and will continue to use my earned academic degree.



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There are many professions that use the title Doctor. They earned a doctorate degree and are granted that title. If physicians and/or others want to go after people who use the title doctor they need to start with the education system and not target any one profession. I earned my doctor of nursing practice degree as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner and can provide psychiatric services as a doctor of nursing practice. Passing this bill will cause even more doctor of nursing practice professionals to seek careers in other states that allow the title doctor, and Missouri citizens will suffer from lack of available healthcare even more than they already are. I use the title doctor because that is the designated degree and level of education I earned, just like other professions that use the same title. I make it clear that I am a doctor of nursing practice when communicating both written and verbal.



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As a nurse practitioner with a Doctorate degree I have earned the right to call my self Dr. Grimes Nurse Practitioner which is how I present myself. I do not misrepresent myself or title and no one that I know that has earned this terminal degree and holds a nurse practitioner license does either. If this bill is passed those of us who have earned a doctorate will be stripped of our human right to use our title in which we have worked equally hard for. In every profession whether it's a professor at a college or a teacher at a high school, they are called doctor and there is no misrepresentation. There is no reason a physician should be able to take that away from any profession because they feel it is their title. The doctor title had never been reserved for a physician they are the ones who have falsly advertised themselves as the only doctors. Please do not take the right away from all of the hard working disciplines to be stripped of their title for the gratified self inflation of a physician. There is plenty of room in this world for more than one doctor.Which title is next to have their hard earned title stripped from them if this of allowed to pass???



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I am doctor of nursing practice. I spent four years in nursing school, 13 years as a registered nurse and an additional 4 years earning my doctorate in nursing. This bill deflates all of the hard work and dedication that I have given. Physicians are not the only professionals with doctorates. Are dentists to also be banned from being called doctor? How about college professors with a doctorate? Chiropractors? The list goes on and on. I have never and will never advertise myself as a physician because I am not one. I am a DNP, I have a doctorate in nursing and if I want to be addressed or advertise as doctor Pilger I have earned every right to do so. It's time for our state to focus on the extremely limited care that we give Missourians due to the ridiculous restrictions we continue to put on nurse practitioners. We are here. We are capable and ready to help. Let us.



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This legislation, aimed specifically at nurses and physician associates is discriminatory. The authors of this legislation have deliberately carved out other professionals from this bill, believing that by reducing the number of complaints received from these professionals, legislators will be misled into thinking it is not worthy of public concern. Nursing is a sovereign profession which holds the terminal degree of doctorate. People who have achieved that degree should be permitted to use it. Also, NPs and PAs could be at risk of losing their license due to actions beyond their control. Not having a license to display in the first place is of primary concern. Secondly, marketing materials and advertisements from others that inadvertently list a provider as "Dr" due to their educational status puts NPs and PAs at risk. Finally, the state of Missouri is criminalizing providers and their employer's ability to state the truth about an individual's possession of an advanced degree. The term "doctor" is not the sole property of physicians, and Missouri should not appropriate the word "doctor" for licensed physicians and surgeons. If only physicians and surgeons may be referred to as "doctor", than NO person who has not attended medical school, such as dentists, educators, veterinarians, osteopaths, chiropractors or other professions/holders of a doctoral degree should be allowed to use the term. Otherwise, it is clear discrimination.



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Like physicians, many other health care providers complete their doctorate degrees. These providers deserve to be recognized for their hard work and dedication to their profession. Pharmacists, physical therapists, chiropractors, psychologists, and nurse practitioners all may have doctorate degrees. There are also many non-health care fields that have doctoral degrees. Why should physicians be the only ones who have the right to use the title of doctor when we have all met the same standards? The term doctor should be bestowed upon those who have earned that academic designation, physician or not. It is a sign of respect and recognition of the individual's education, dedication and training. The language should shift to physician, not doctor, as doctor is a broad term that encompasses all with that academic credential.



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Individuals throughout our country who have earned a doctorate degree have earned the honorable title of "Doctor" in various fields of study, including individuals who are non-physician healthcare providers. Physicians seem Hellbent in the belief they solely "own the rights" to the title of "Doctor" when they do not. I am called "Doctor" in my academic roles, and in my clinical practice, I -DO- introduce myself as "Dr. Portell, a family nurse practitioner." Frankly, patients were calling me "Dr. Portell" for my first 1.5 years of practice and I got so tired of correcting them that I went out and got my doctorate degree to save me the hassle of correcting them for the rest of my life. Despite the title, I always assure them of my certified role and there has never been any confusion about it. This bill is a waste of time when we have so many more things we need to be doing to elevate the health of our Missouri population. I sure would hate for the money I spent to avoid title correction to go to waste if this thing passes. Then I would have to explain the whole story to every patient I came across in Missouri, just so they know how butthurt and ridiculous the physician priorities are in this state.



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**I support nurse practitioners, physical therapists, dentists, pharmacists and all other health care team members who earn and advertise the doctorate honorific.**



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I'm a doctorally prepared nurse practitioner, a DNP. It is discriminatory to not allow nurses who've earned a terminal degree, the right to use that credential. There are numerous other healthcare professionals who also utilize the title doctor. I currently serve as a professor of nursing where I utilize this title. If a nurse practitioner uses the title "doctor" in a clinical setting, though makes it clear they are a nurse practitioner, there's no reason that this is inappropriate or would cause confusion among patients.



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When did physicians declare the sole right to be the only profession to use the term “doctor”?  
 Physicians are physicians. They have a terminal doctorate degree just as I, my dentist, and my college biology professor do. None of us market ourselves as physicians. But yet physicians claim to be the only doctors. Do you see how petty and ludicrous this has become? I am a Nurse Practitioner with 3 graduate degrees, one of which is Doctorate in Nursing Practice. I often just refer to myself by my name, because I have practiced in a state where nurse practitioners are so restricted in their practice, that how dare I insinuate that I’m a highly educated medical professional. I am currently licensed in 4 states, 3 of which are full practice authority states and I am currently working a contract in one of those states where I am respected for the patient care that I provide in my medical specialty where there are very few physicians that provide that specialty care. Make no mistake - if your goal is to target and attack non-physician providers by limiting titles and practice, I see no reason to resume practice in Missouri. I have always provided patient care in rural Missouri, the less glamorous parts of the state, where physicians often don’t care to be. But I’m happy to continue to provide patient care in rural Washington, where I am a valued member of the healthcare team.



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To whom it may concern, APRN's who have earned their doctorate degree should be able to use their title as earned, as in any other profession. If we aren't allowed to be called Doctors of Nursing Practice then what is the purpose of the degree? We are not touting ourselves as MDs, DOs, Physicians. We are advocating for the title that we worked so hard for.



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I am opposed to the proposed restriction of use of doctorate titling in health care practice. As a Doctor of Nursing Practice (Family Nurse Practitioner, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Adult Psychiatric Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist) I earned the degree and honorific of Doctor. I introduce myself as a Nurse Practitioner in the clinical setting. There is no confusion about who I am or what I do as a Nurse Practitioner providing healthcare! Doctor is an honorific awarded by institutions of higher education. All PhD, MD, DO, DDS, JD, PsyD and DNP completing the required education receive this honorific. I suggest if physicians are concerned about the honorific, it would make sense for them to refer to themselves as physician, which is their credential (short for physician and surgeon). A nurse who has completed a Doctoral program should not be prohibited from using the honorific unless you also ban all other group of individuals who have completed a doctoral program from referring to themselves as Doctor. Failure to treat all equally is discriminatory against nurses in particular. The following is a partial list of doctoral prepared healthcare related professions: Doctor of Acupuncture (D.Ac., D.Acu.) Doctor of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (D.A.O.M.) Doctor of Audiology (Au.D) Doctor of Behavioral Health (D.B.H.) Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C.) Doctor of Clinical Nutrition (D.C.N.) Doctor of Clinical Science in Speech-Language Pathology (CScD) Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.) Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) Doctor of Health Administration (D.H.A.) Doctor of Health and Safety (D.H.S.) Doctor of Health Education (D.H.Ed) Doctor of Health Science (D.H.Sc., D.H.S.) Doctor of Medical Humanities (D.M.H.) Doctor of Music Therapy (D.M.T.) Doctor of Naprapathic Medicine (D.N.) Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine (N.D., N.M.D.) Doctor of Occupational Therapy (O.T.D., D.O.T.) Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) Doctor of Oriental Medicine (D.O.M., O.M.D.) Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (D.P.M.) Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D) Doctor of Rehabilitation (Rh.D.) Doctor of Science in Dentistry (D.Sc.D.) Doctor of Science and Hygiene (D.Sc.H.) Doctor of Public Health (DPH) Doctor of Healthcare Administration (DHA) Medical Doctor Also, a reminder that Medical Doctors who have not completed a residency are working in Missouri as Assistant Physicians but still use the honorific of Doctor. Again, failure to treat all equally is discriminatory against nurses in particular. Thank you for your consideration.



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**I oppose this proposed legislation.**



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**This is discrimination. Prepare for personal and class action lawsuits. Good luck!**



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My name is Lori Popejoy, PhD, RN, FAAN. I wish to disclose that I am the Dean of the MU Sinclair School of Nursing, but I am writing this testimony as a private citizen and my views do not represent the views of the University of Missouri. I have been a practicing RN for over forty years. From 1997 to 2017, I was a Gerontological Clinical Nurse Specialist, one of the APRN degrees. I chose to let my certification and APRN recognition lapse because my career trajectory had changed, and it was no longer viable to stay current in APRN practice. My point in telling you that is to provide an example of how concerned nurses are with public safety and the extent to which we are capable of making hard choices about our careers when it comes to safeguarding the patients we serve. As I read and pondered House Bill NO. 2535, I thought to myself, what is the point of this bill? What problem are we trying to solve? I was also struck with the named disciplines; physician, surgeon, medical doctor, APRN, PA, Assistant Physicians, RN, & LPN. These degrees range from those requiring doctoral degrees, down to technical training. All others, physical therapists, occupational therapists, clinical psychologists, chiropractors, and social workers are put into the other category. Why is the discipline of nursing highlighted in such a way? What is meant by "fraudulent misrepresentation"? Does it mean an LPN calling themselves an RN? That is fraudulent and is already illegal. Similarly, a nurse (RN) cannot call themselves an MD or vice versa, an MD may not use the title RN. There are already mechanisms to handle abuse of these titles. My concern is that we are once again trying to limit the use of the term "doctor". Is there a concern that patients and their families will be confused? I think patients and their families are intelligent and they can discern that a nurse practitioner or a physical therapist is not a physician, even if they are both called doctor. As an RN with a PhD, I ask my students to refer to me formally as Dr. Popejoy. I relax that request with doctoral students that I mentor, but rarely with undergraduate students, those I may move to casual Dr. P, as we get to know each other. In fact, the honorific title doctor, refers to one who teaches and came into use in the 1300's; those with PhDs are first to own that honorific, physicians are relative newcomers to the use of the title in the 1600's. I think this is a slippery slope and I urge you to really think about what problem we are trying to solve with this legislation. If it is primarily to safeguard the public from fraudulent misrepresentation by assuring healthcare professionals use correct titles that accurately reflect academic degrees and certifications across all disciplines, I have few concerns. But if it is to limit anyone but physicians from using the honorific "doctor", then I think it is wrong, and choosing to elevate one discipline over many to solve a problem that has not been clearly explicated will have unintended consequences. Individuals with PhDs, as well as those with practice doctorates, which include medical doctorates, have earned the right to use the honorifics they have earned.



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Any individual who has earned the degree designation should have the rite to use that designation. No single group should be singled out of not being able to do so. This is flat out discrimination. The designation of "Dr" of medicine, and "Dr" representing a doctoral degree is completely different. Every profession that has an individual that has earned their doctoral degree, is allowed to call themselves "Dr". Nursing should be no different. It in no way implies that they are a Dr of medicine. It is disrespectful and childish to think in this manner. Nurses do not even have the capability of producing their licenses any longer as The Board of Nursing no longer issues a "paper" or "printed" license. Every nurse would be in immediate violation of this rule/law to no fault of their own. There is also no way for nurses to stop all printed materials that they may be named on. Example of this is when my peer was listed under a health insurance plan on their website as "doctor/surgeon" to no fault of her own. This was a mistake made by the insurance company and it took us letting them know that she was listed incorrectly in order for it to be fixed. Again, she had no control over this, nor knowledge that it was out there until a patient pointed it out to us. This bill has nothing to do with patient care and is only because Dr's of medicine feel threatened by a name/designation. It is disgraceful that grown adults feel so insecure. Please do not pass this legislation.



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I am testifying in opposition to HB 2534, "Truth in Advertising" Most providers have no input into marketing efforts of a health care agency. To penalize the provider would not make sense and should not be legislated, that is excessive oversight for something the provider had no control over. No provider intentionally misleads patients, of any type. It would be impossible for Nursing to display a title on the wall. Nursing is not issued a paper license, doing so would increase cost and is unnecessary as all nursing licensure is verified through a common verification site on line for all states. <https://www.nursys.com/> Lastly, I noticed this bill lists physicians can use their honorific degrees earned in their educational programs of study" MD and DO. But it does not allow Nursing or Physician Assistants the same acknowledgement. Lets talk about the title Doctor. PhD in education or philosophy or divinity....all called Doctor, respectfully if you would mail them a letter you would use Dr. on the envelope. Dentists= DDS, Chiropractor= DC, Osteopaths=DO Optometrists=OD, Juris Doctorate=JD (lawyer) all earned the title Doctor and can be called Doctor. Medical Degree, MD called Doctor, though some are Orthopedists, Ophthalmologists, Obstetrician, Pediatrician, Anesthesiologists, and many many more, but also all of them are Physicians. These degrees are all educational degrees that give them a prefix, like every other person that has worked hard for many years to earn a doctoral degree. MDs do not own the prefix Doctor, in fact PhDs were actually the first to use the title Doctor. Physicians started using it in the 1600 to give their profession credibility. Now we have PhDs in Nursing, DNSc, and DNP. That is a good thing that our health professionals have pursued higher education to be more prepared to care for the people of our state. I do not have a doctorate. I applaud my peers that have gone back to school and spent additional time in education and practice to deepen their knowledge care of the patients they see, Like the all of the other professions listed above, these Advanced Practice Nurses and Assistant Physicians that have earned doctoral degrees certainly have earned the right to use the academic credentials and prefix Doctor that they have worked so hard to earn. Please oppose HB 2534 Thank you for your time Margaret R Benz, MSN(R), APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP



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Physical therapists, chiropractors, dentists are all referred to as Dr. XXX and none went to medical school. Why are we trying to prohibit an individual with a doctorate APRN degree from calling themselves a doctor when every other doctoral prepared professional is referred to as a doctor. APRN's are not trying to present themselves as physicians



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Physical Therapist, pharmacist and other health care professionals use the title "Doctor" Why are nurse practitioners any different!!?



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House Bill 2534 This bill regarding "Advertisement" and "fraudulent misrepresentation". This House Bill seems to be directed to Doctor of Nursing Practice. Which is a degree I hold. In this world of Social Media, I often see people toting that they are a "Doctor" giving advice. Some are Chiropractors, others are Doctor of Physical Therapy, Doctor of Pharmacy. My brother in law is a Veterinarian he has always been referred to as Doc. I have another brother in law with a PhD in History also a Doctor. My son has a PhD in genetics also a Doctor. Yes the water is muddy, but it has been that way for Nursing forever. A Certified Nursing Assistance is referred to as a nurse, and Licensed Practical Nurse is referred to as a Nurse, A Registered Nurse could have an Associated Degree or a Bachelor's Degree. Nurse Practitioners have at least a Master and many of us have Completed a Doctorate Degree. Please don't devalue or education. Additionally, the Board of Nursing no longer produces copies of licenses. You can verify licenses on a website. Currently I have all 3 of my diploma's and both of my Certification on my office wall. But in the past I have worked in offices that I didn't have an office. Who is going to Police this. Are you going to spend Missouri tax payers money to hire some one to verify this. Social Media is would be difficult to monitor.



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Will we be hindering these doctorates as well or next? Where would it stop? Doctor of Applied Mathematics Doctor of Acupuncture (D.Ac., D.Acu.) Doctor of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (D.A.O.M.) Doctor of Applied Science (D.A.S.) Doctor of Architecture (D.Arch.) Doctor of Athletic Training (D.A.T.) Doctor of Audiology (Au.D) Doctor of Behavioral Health (D.B.H.) Doctor of Chemistry (D.Chem.) Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C.) Doctor of Church Music (D.C.M.) Doctor of Clinical Nutrition (D.C.N.) Doctor of Clinical Science in Speech-Language Pathology (CScD) Doctor of Comparative Law (D.C.L.) Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.) Doctor of Computer Science (D.C.S.) Doctor of Criminal Justice (D.C.J.) Doctor of Criminology (D.Crim.) Doctor of Divinity (Divinitatis Doctor) (D.D.) Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.) Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) Doctor of Environmental Science and Engineering (D.Env.) Doctor of Forestry (D.F.) Doctor of Geological Science (D.G.S.) Doctor of Health Administration (D.H.A.) Doctor of Health and Safety (D.H.S.) Doctor of Health Education (D.H.Ed) Doctor of Hebrew Literature/Letters (D.H.L.) Doctor of Health Science (D.H.Sc., D.H.S.) Doctor of Hebrew Studies (D.H.S.) Doctor of Humane Letters (D.Hum.Litt.) Doctor of Industrial Technology (D.I.T.) Doctor of Information Technology (D.I.T.) Juris Doctor (J.D.) Doctor of Law and Policy (L.P.D., D.L.P.) Doctor of Liberal Studies (D.L.S.) Doctor of Library Science (D.L.S.) Doctor of Management (D.M.) Doctor of Medical Humanities (D.M.H.) Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) Doctor of Missiology (D.Miss) Doctor of Music (D.M., D.Mus.) Doctor of Music Therapy (D.M.T.) Doctor of Naprapathic Medicine (D.N.) Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine (N.D., N.M.D.) Doctor of Occupational Therapy (O.T.D., D.O.T.) Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) Doctor of Organizational Leadership Doctor of Oriental Medicine (D.O.M., O.M.D.) Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) Doctor of Pastoral Counseling (D.PC) Doctor of Pastoral Music (D.P.M.) Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) Doctor of Physical Education (D.P.E.) Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) Doctor of Physics Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (D.P.M.) Doctor of Practical Theology (D.P.T., D.Th.P.) Doctor of Professional Studies (D.P.S.) Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D) Doctor of Public Administration (D.P.A.) Doctor of Recreation (D.Rec., D.R.) Doctor of Rehabilitation (Rh.D.) Doctor of Sacred Music (D.S.M.) Doctor of Science in Dentistry (D.Sc.D.) Doctor of Science and Hygiene (D.Sc.H.) Doctor of the Science of Law (J.S.D.) Doctor of Social Science (D.S.Sc.) Doctor of Social Work (D.S.W.) Doctor of Statistics Doctor of Transformational Leadership (D.T.L.) Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.) Doctor of Arts (D.A.) Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Doctor of Business Management (Ph.D) Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) Doctor of Theology (Th.D.) Doctor of Public Health (DPH) Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) Doctor of Healthcare Administration (DHA) Doctor of Professional Studies – Instructional Design Leadership Doctor of Finance Juris Doctor (JD) Very disappointing to attack or stop anyone from receiving education or using that education once someone receives it.



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This letter is for informational and clarification purposes regarding the identification of healthcare professionals. There are several points I'd like to make:- I believe that every healthcare practitioner (Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Psychologists and others) should be able to call themselves "Doctor" if indeed they earned this educational credential. The doctorate level of education is becoming the standard to professional practice in many areas: Psychologists, Nurse Practitioners, Physical Therapists, Pharmacists, to name a few). My husband, a Psychologist with a PhD is "Doctor Thomas", not a medical Physician but a doctorate level Psychologist. That doesn't mean that he presents himself as a Medical Physician, he introduces himself as a Psychologist. This is the same for a Nurse Practitioner who has a DNP (Doctorate of Nursing Practice), who should not represent themselves as a Medical Physician; they are a Nurse Practitioner. I think we do a disservice to those individuals who have worked to earn a doctoral level of education, by not allowing them to use their credential. Weren't your college professors "Doctor Smith" for example?- The Missouri Board of Nursing no longer issues paper licenses; our licenses are in the nursing credentialing clearinghouse. A person's license can be checked there but no licenses certificates are issued. In light of that, posting credentials doesn't make sense.- Large Groups/Hospitals usually require IDs that specify position. Small practices do not.- I believe that MDs and DOs should be referred to as "Physicians"; this would certainly clarify the "Doctor" issue.- Lastly, when we are caring for patients, we should always identify ourselves by name and professional roles "Hello, my name is Terry Thomas and I'm a Nurse Practitioner"; "Hello, I'm your Pharmacist, Dr. Smith".- I agree that no healthcare professional should misrepresent themselves in advertising. What I do not agree with is not allowing individuals who have earned doctoral - level education to use the term "Doctor". Thank you for reading this testimony. Sincerely, Terry Shannon Thomas MA, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC Family Nurse Practitioner 225 N. Maple Avenue Hannibal, MO 63401C: 575-921-1371