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Linda Groah
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Dear Linda:

The Certification Board for Sterile Processing and Distribution, Inc. is committed to competency in the sterile processing profession. As such, we are prepared to offer any/all assistance to support the legislative efforts of the Association of peri-Operative Registered Nurses towards mandatory certification for sterile processing professionals and we welcome your support.

Located in New Jersey (note our new address, we relocated our offices this week), the CBSPD is familiar with the mandatory certification process since we are the first, and to date only, state mandating certification for all sterile processing personnel. I personally served on the New Jersey State Department of Health Licensing Committee which resulted in the law. In addition, I have provided documentation, support and testimony to a number of states that have decided to pursue mandatory certification.

The CBSPD understands that certification's main goal is to protect the public. Mandatory certification will make this goal a reality in hospitals, surgery centers and other treatment facilities where processing is performed.

Since I am already a member of AORN, I will serve as the CBSPD liaison to AORN for this effort. Please feel free to contact me for any information/support the CBSPD can provide. We look forward to working collaboratively with you and AORN on this.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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