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Dear Legislators:

My daughter, is entering her senior year of public high school in Florida. She has had attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) all of her life, and has required medications to be able to learn in school. She has been stabilized on Adderall for a number of years and is succeeding in school.

This year, before the school year started, I took her for a school physical to see our nurse practitioner. He was very good to her, took a complete health history, did a thorough exam on her, and prescribed the other medications that she takes for her. Because of the Florida law, the nurse practitioner was unable to prescribe my daughter's Adderall. The nurse practitioner said that nurse practitioners in Florida and Alabama are not allowed to prescribe controlled substances, but they are allowed to in every other state and Washington, DC. Why is this?

Because he is not allowed to prescribe the medicine that my daughter needs, she must attend her first week of school without the medicine she needs while we wait for an appointment to see the doctor just so he can sign the medication. I am angry that the nurse practitioner, who knows what to prescribe, can't do it in time to help my daughter in her important first week of school. She is not capable of learning without Adderall, and she needs it. A stupid law is keeping my daughter from getting the medicine she needs and I wanted you to know about it.

Please change the law!

Sincerely,

Linda U.