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**THE GOVERNOR**  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

No. SB 458

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., March 29, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE  
AND MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA SENATE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
FIFTY-NINTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 458

Although I am aware of the state's healthcare access and workforce challenges, especially in rural communities, SB 458 is not a prudent solution.

SB 458 would do one primary thing: enable Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) who meet certain criteria to apply for authority to prescribe independent of physician supervision. And that's my biggest concern. *While APRNs already have the ability to set up clinics in rural Oklahoma and practice in primary care settings, I don't believe APRNs should be able to prescribe Schedules III through V controlled substances without physician supervision. Further, this bill would allow APRNs to have full practice and prescriptive authority in all specialty categories absent supervision.*

That part of the bill that would have mandated that the medical licensure boards collaborate to promulgate uniform rules (1) governing supervision requirements and (2) imposing a reasonable limit on the monetary amount a supervising physician may charge for supervision was good and should be explored.

Finally, I'd also ask that the Legislature explore other ways to attract frontline healthcare workers to rural communities across the state. A tax credit for qualifying practitioners in rural areas of the state is one such idea.

For these reasons, I have vetoed SB 458.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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