The Ohio legislature has the opportunity to cut the red tape that prevents nurse practitioners—and all advanced practice registered nurses—from providing the quality care patients and their family caregivers depend on. AARP recently surveyed Ohio voters age 40-plus about this issue. Here’s what we learned:

**Support allowing Nurse Practitioners with advanced training to serve as the primary or acute care provider of record for a patient.**

87% of Ohio voters support this solution. Support is strong across party lines:

- 83% of Republicans support this change
- 89% of Democrats support this change
- 89% of Independents support this change

**Supporting Family Caregivers**

Ohioans care for parents, spouses, children and adults with disabilities, as well as other loved ones to help them live independently at home – and stay out of costly, taxpayer-funded nursing homes. If you’re not a family caregiver now, you will likely be one in the future. Today, Ohio family caregivers overwhelmingly support (87%) giving nurse practitioners – who often visit older patients in their homes – full authority to heal as one commonsense solution to help make their big responsibilities a little bit easier.

- 51% of respondents are current or former family caregivers
- 53% of respondents are likely family caregivers in the future

The typical Ohio family caregiver is 57 years old. She cares for a loved one age 80.

AARP Ohio urges the Ohio Legislature to cut through the red tape and give nurses full authority to heal.

Source: June 2018 survey of 1,005 Ohio Registered Voters Aged 40-plus. Margin of sample error is ±3.1%

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