



2026 Award Recipient – Peggy Benson

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2026 Catalyst Award Peggy Benson is a leader who understands what is needed to improve nursing regulation. A champion of Right Touch regulation, Peggy has worked to reduce unnecessary barriers while preserving accountability, safety, and oversight. She has made meaningful regulatory contributions by building new roles and pathways that support licensed nurses and strengthen care delivery.

Peggy is unafraid to take on difficult regulatory questions, build partnerships, and produce tangible outcomes. Under her leadership, the Alabama Board of Nursing implemented the first of its kind Nursing Support Technician Certified Permit, which aligns numerous support staff titles under one certification.

She is a voice of reason and an advocate for transparency and accountability. Her strength of conviction, depth of experience, and willingness to speak out have made her a catalyst for positive change in nursing regulation. For her ongoing commitment to principle-based innovation to promote regulatory excellence and efficiency, we are pleased to present Peggy with the 2026 Catalyst Award.