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SCRNA Proposed Rulemaking

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in response to the State Board of Nursing's proposed rulemaking, 16A-5145 (CRNA), which would finally recognize and license certified registered nurse anesthetists as intended under Act 60 of 2021.

I am a Doctor of Nursing Practice working in the city of Philadelphia, with experience in both ambulatory surgical centers and inpatient hospital settings. As a CRNA, I provide critical anesthesia care to a diverse urban population, and I see firsthand the essential role CRNAs play in maintaining safety, accessibility, and excellence in perioperative care.

This rulemaking is long overdue. It affirms the scope of practice for CRNAs to administer anesthesia in cooperation with and under the overall direction of licensed physicians, podiatrists, and dentists, while also establishing clear licensing fees and certification standards. It acknowledges the intensive education, training, and expertise we bring to every patient encounter.

Our rigorous training, including advanced doctoral-level education and extensive clinical experience, positions CRNAs to deliver safe, cost-effective, and patient-centered anesthesia care. Numerous studies confirm that outcomes under CRNA care are equivalent to those of our physician counterparts, especially important in today's value-based health care environment.

In metropolitan areas like Philadelphia, where patient acuity is high and surgical volume is significant, CRNAs are vital to maintaining workflow, staffing flexibility, and timely access to surgical services. Recognizing CRNAs formally under Act 60 strengthens the health system's ability to serve patients safely and efficiently.

For these reasons, I strongly support the proposed rulemaking and respectfully urge its swift adoption.

Thank you for your consideration and for the Board's continued work in supporting advanced practice nursing in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

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