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To Whom It May Concern:

As an SRNA at the University of Pittsburgh, I'm writing in response to the State Board of Nursing's proposed rulemaking, 16A-5145 (CRNA).

I relocated to Pittsburgh to pursue my anesthesia education specifically at Pitt. I'm also invested in pursuing employment in Pennsylvania, upon graduation. However, it's critically important that the investment I'm making in my future and in improving healthcare delivery to Pennsylvania residents is reflected in my licensing, title, and scope of practice. These regulations create a new incentive for students like me to stay and practice here. I know some SRNAs take their talents to other states that recognize CRNAs, even if it means delaying their ability to work while they wait to credential. This rulemaking proves Pennsylvania is doing the right thing, by supporting the highly qualified professionals who receive their education in and work in the state. By recognizing CRNAs, Pennsylvania becomes an even more attractive place not only to get an education, but to stay and build a career.

By finally recognizing and licensing CRNAs as intended under Act 60 of 2021, this rulemaking solidifies the scope of practice for CRNAs to administer anesthesia. In today's changing health-care environment, patients want healthcare delivered alongside personal care, all at a lower cost and with a high degree of confidence. CRNAs are anesthesia experts, with the attributes that continue to make nursing one of the most trusted professions. A CRNA's unique background ensures that the whole of the patient is cared for --- physically, mentally and emotionally.

For all these reasons, I urge support for the proposed rulemaking. I appreciate all the work that has gone into finally giving CRNAs the recognition they deserve. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
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