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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Dr. Bimpe “Bebe” Adenusi, and I am a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) and the Chair and Program Administrator of the Nurse Anesthesia Program at Thomas Jefferson University, Jefferson College of Nursing in Pennsylvania. I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed rulemaking referenced as 16A-5145 concerning Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists.

As a practicing CRNA and educator, I have had the honor of preparing and mentoring the next generation of nurse anesthetists for over a decade. I have worked in both rural and urban settings across Pennsylvania and beyond, and I have seen firsthand the critical role CRNAs play in ensuring safe, accessible, and high-quality anesthesia care.

This proposed rulemaking is not only vital for aligning CRNA practice with our education and national certification but also critical for advancing patient care in our state. I respectfully support this rulemaking for the following reasons:

- It provides clarity around the CRNA title, removing unnecessary ambiguity and reinforcing public understanding and trust.
- It enhances our ability to practice to the full extent of our training, improving access to anesthesia services, particularly in underserved and rural areas of Pennsylvania.
- It supports workforce development by reinforcing professional recognition and reducing barriers to practice for CRNAs entering the field.
- It aligns Pennsylvania’s regulations with national standards, ensuring consistency and mobility for our profession.

CRNAs are uniquely trained, board-certified anesthesia professionals. Our education, clinical training, and certification process rigorously prepare us to provide safe and effective care across all settings, including hospitals, ambulatory centers, and underserved communities.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I urge the State Board of Nursing and policymakers to adopt the proposed changes under 16A-5145 and to support the continued advancement of nurse anesthesia practice in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

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