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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Colleen Hunara, and I am a SRNA currently attending Frank J. Tornetta School of Anesthesia at LaSalle University, with 4 months left in my training. I am from Telford, PA, and I chose this profession to keep the most vulnerable safe and to advocate for patients when they cannot.

I am writing in support of the State Board of Nursing's proposed rulemaking, 16A-5145 (CRNA). This rulemaking will formally recognize and license CRNAs in Pennsylvania, aligning our regulations with *national* standards and Act 60 of 2021.

These regulations will establish clear definitions, scope of practice, and licensing procedures specific to CRNAs. This clarity is crucial, given the extensive education, clinical hours, and recent DNP requirements CRNAs undergo. It will reduce barriers, ensure practice to the full scope of our training, and improve access to high-quality anesthesia and critical care for patients across Pennsylvania. Making these standards explicit will also encourage more students like me to stay and develop our careers locally instead of facing delays or practicing elsewhere. Clear guidelines will ensure that CRNAs can practice to the full extent of their education and training, which includes significantly more clinical hours and rigorous testing than nurse practitioners. With the recent implementation of the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) requirement, our education now includes even more advanced coursework, preparing us to deliver safe and effective care.

As a future CRNA, I am undergoing rigorous training that emphasizes safety, expertise, and leadership. Regulations that recognize this level of education and clinical experience will ensure that patients receive the best care possible and that CRNAs are empowered to serve our communities effectively.

Thank you for your dedication to advancing healthcare access and for your support in implementing these important regulatory updates.

Sincerely,
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