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[External] CRNA Proposed Rulemaking

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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm Elizabeth On, a 3rd year nurse anesthesia resident at Jefferson University in Center City. I chose this profession because of the 1-1 patient focus and care, its complexity, and the flexibility it offers. I can offer anesthesia services in a large hospital, rural centers, pain clinics, and the armed forces. I am writing in response to the State Board of Nursing's proposed rulemaking, 16A-5145 (CRNA). Let me tell you why this rulemaking is so important for our profession – and my career.

Bill 16A-5145 (CRNA) finally recognizes and licenses CRNAs as intended under Act 60 of 2021. The rulemaking solidifies the scope of practice for CRNAs to administer anesthesia in cooperation with and under the overall direction of licensed physicians, podiatrists, and dentists, while setting licensing fees and certification standards. CRNAs pride themselves on rigorous education and training standards. These regulations recognize the commitment each individual puts into their profession to provide the highest level of care. I can personally attest to the high standards of CRNA school. I started my program with a BSN, and 3 years of ICU experience. Once I graduate from my CRNA program, I will have over 2600 hours of anesthesia practice and a published quality improvement research project. I'm trained in intubations, anesthesia medication and pharmacology, machine management, emergency situations, and more.

Passing **16A-5145 (CRNA)** will create a new incentive for students like me to stay and practice here. I know some SRNAs take their talents to other states that recognized CRNAs, even though they had to wait as long as six months to become credentialed, delaying their ability to work. Now, Pennsylvania is an even more attractive place not only to get an education, but to stay and build a career. I moved to Philadelphia last year to attend CRNA school in the city. I was at City Hall for the Superbowl parade, I went to SIPS with other nurse anesthesia residents, and I've attended a couple sports game. I fell in love with this city and have enjoyed my time here.

In today's changing health-care environment, patients want health care delivered with personal care, at a lower cost, with a high degree of confidence. CRNAs deliver all of these by staying with their patients throughout the entire procedure and ensuring 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.

Best,
Elizabeth On, BSN, RN, CCRN, SRNA, future DNP, future CRNA