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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in response to the State Board of Nursing's proposed rulemaking, 16A-5145 (CRNA). I have been a resident of Pennsylvania my entire life and a practicing CRNA since January 2020.

This rulemaking *finally* recognizes AND licenses CRNAs as intended under Act 60 of 2021. This solidifies the scope of practice for CRNAs to administer anesthesia in cooperation with and under the overall direction of licenses physicians, podiatrists, and dentists, while setting licensing fees and certification standards. As you know, CRNAs pride themselves on rigorous education and training standards. I myself have a DNP (Doctorate of Nursing Practice) for my CRNA education. I graduated from the University of Pittsburgh after a 36-month program. This was immediately preceded by 7 years of nursing in an ICU setting, all in the state of Pennsylvania, after receiving my Bachelors of Nursing from Waynesburg University.

Pennsylvania is one of the top draws nationally for CRNA students, with 15 highly rated nurse anesthetist programs across the state. With the proposed regulations, Pennsylvania is doing the right thing by strengthening existing CRNA programs and supporting the highly qualified professionals that the programs produce. I myself have been anxiously awaiting this proposed rulemaking.

For all of the above reasons, any many more not mentioned, I **urge** you to support this proposed rulemaking. I respect all of the work that has gone into giving CRNAs the recognition that they deserve.

Thank you for you time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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