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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in regards to **16A-5145 (CRNA)**.

I am I have been a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist practicing in Pennsylvania for over 23 years. I have practiced in a variety of patient care settings in my career: independently in plastic surgery offices, dental offices and oral surgery offices, and medical direction/care team model at a pediatric level one trauma center and a very busy community hospital in Allegheny County where I currently practice. I am writing to support the proposed rulemaking by the Board of Nursing.

In today's changing healthcare environment patients want safe, high quality, cost efficient healthcare delivered with a personal touch. CRNAs are uniquely positioned to deliver all of these every day. We are with our patients from the beginning to the end of each surgery. We care for the whole patient including their physical well-being, emotional well-being and mental well-being while in our care.

This proposal will finally recognize and license CRNAs as intended by Act 60 of 2021. It 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 license fees and certification.

Although I will probably enter into retirement within the next 10 years or so, there are thousands of CRNAs and Student Registered Nurse Anesthetists in Pennsylvania ready to step up. Pennsylvania has 15 highly competitive training programs for nurse anesthetists and attracts students from all over the United States. These regulations will strengthen existing programs and support the highly qualified professionals these programs attract and produce.

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

Sincerely,

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