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To Whom It May Concern:

As a SRNA at Geisinger, I am writing in response to the State Board of Nursing's proposed rulemaking, 16A-5145 (CRNA).

- This rulemaking 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 acknowledge the dedication each individual brings to their profession, striving to provide the highest level of care. We are training to ensure the safety of patients during the most vulnerable time of their lives, when they are anesthetized for surgery.
- These regulations create a new incentive for students like me to stay and practice here. I know some SRNAs take their talents to other states that recognize CRNAs, even though they have to wait as long as six months to become credentialed, which delays 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 want to work in a state that values and respects my profession.
- Pennsylvania is among the top draws nationally for CRNA students, with 15 highly rated nurse anesthetist programs operating across the commonwealth. With these regulations, Pennsylvania is taking the right approach by strengthening existing CRNA programs and supporting the highly qualified professionals they produce.
- 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 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.

Sincerely,  
Kelly Donahue BSN, RN, SRNA