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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the State Board of Nursing's proposed rulemaking, 16A-5145 (CRNA).

As a student registered nurse anesthetist currently training in Pennsylvania, I'm thrilled to see the Board taking steps to formally recognize and license CRNAs as intended under Act 60 of 2021. This clarity is not only long overdue, it's essential for ensuring that the CRNAs of tomorrow (like me) have a clear path to practice in the state we've chosen to train in.

These regulations send a powerful message to students: that Pennsylvania values the critical work CRNAs do and is a place where we can build a stable, fulfilling career. Many of my peers have considered relocating to states with more defined practice standards; this rulemaking helps remove that uncertainty and keeps talent where it's needed most. Pennsylvania has the opportunity to afford security for a profession that many other states have already provided, bringing us to a standard that supports continued practice in this Commonwealth.

Thank you for your consideration and for supporting the future of our profession.

Sincerely,

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