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To Whom It May Concern:

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

I have been a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) since 2012 and currently practice at Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, a Level I trauma and academic institution. I also serve on our pediatrics team and am actively involved in teaching and mentoring student registered nurse anesthetists (SRNAs). I began my nursing career in 2003 in the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit at Johns Hopkins Hospital and have dedicated over two decades to advancing safe, high-quality care in high-acuity settings.

This proposed rulemaking is long overdue and provides CRNAs in Pennsylvania with the formal recognition and licensure we have earned through rigorous education and training. I completed my Master of Science in Nursing from York College's Nurse Anesthesia program, graduating with honors after intensive clinical rotations and advanced academic coursework. Like all CRNAs, I am proud of the extensive preparation and ongoing professional development required to ensure the safest possible outcomes for every patient.

CRNAs play a critical role in delivering high-quality, cost-effective anesthesia care. Numerous peer-reviewed studies demonstrate that patient outcomes under CRNA care are equivalent to those of physician anesthesiologists, even for complex procedures. We are trained to independently manage the full scope of anesthesia services—from preoperative assessment to emergence and post-anesthesia care—and we do so with compassion, clinical expertise, and an unwavering commitment to safety.

Pennsylvania is home to 15 well-regarded nurse anesthesia programs, attracting top-tier students from across the country. Strengthening the regulatory framework for CRNAs will reinforce Pennsylvania's position as a leader in nurse anesthesia education and practice.

Our patients deserve access to safe, competent anesthesia care. Formal licensure through this rulemaking acknowledges our contributions and helps preserve access to vital services, especially as health care evolves and demand for anesthesia providers continues to rise.

For all these reasons, I urge you to support the proposed rulemaking 16A-5145. Thank you for your time, your attention to this matter, and your support of CRNAs in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

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