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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), which will formally recognize and license Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) in Pennsylvania as envisioned under Act 60 of 2021.

As Vice President of BPW Medical Associates, P.C., an anesthesia management group operating across Pennsylvania and Ohio, I work closely with CRNAs in diverse practice settings—from urban hospitals to rural ambulatory surgery centers. Our CRNAs are vital to the safe and efficient delivery of anesthesia care across our region. They are highly trained professionals who consistently demonstrate clinical excellence, professionalism, and compassion.

This rulemaking will finally provide the licensure structure and recognition that CRNAs deserve. It brings long-overdue clarity around their scope of practice, outlines appropriate certification and fee requirements, and reinforces the team-based approach to anesthesia delivery—working in cooperation with physicians, dentists, and podiatrists, as defined by Act 60.

In many rural and underserved areas where we operate, CRNAs are the sole anesthesia providers. Without them, patients would be forced to travel long distances to receive even basic surgical or obstetrical care. These regulations will help maintain access in these communities while supporting a strong and accountable workforce across the state.

I urge the Board to adopt the rulemaking and continue moving forward with this important step for our profession and for the patients we serve. Thank you for your time, leadership, and commitment to improving access and quality of care in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

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