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To whom it may concern:

My name is Andrew Fleming and I am a certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA). I am writing to discuss the state Board of Nursing's proposed rulemaking 16-5145 (CRNA).

I have been a CRNA for over 10 years where I have worked in large tertiary hospitals in Pittsburgh. These have included a level 1 trauma hospital and a high risk obstetrical hospital. I now work in a smaller community hospital serving Butler county and the surrounding areas. I have provided anesthesia to people with horrific traumas, brain injuries and gun shot wounds. Also I have cared for mothers and their babies during intense and high risk deliveries. Now I provide high level anesthetic care to a smaller community that needs it during complex procedures in a smaller hospital with more limited resources.

I feel CRNAs are extremely important in large hospitals and rural hospitals because of the safe, high-quality and compassionate care we provide to all of our patients. This rulemaking recognizes CRNAs under act 60 of 2021, and therefore creates and solidifies our scope of practice to administer anesthesia in cooperation with surgeons, dentists and podiatrists. It also sets licensing fees and certification standards within the commonwealth.

Nationally recognized health care policy and research organizations have shown through medical studies that CRNAs deliver high quality anesthetic care with no difference in patient outcomes.

Today's healthcare world demands for lower cost, high quality, personalized care to each patient. CRNAs are the answer for these challenges. This is why I urge you to support this proposed rulemaking and give CRNAs the recognition within the commonwealth we deserve. Thank you for your time and attention.

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