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To Whom It May Concern,

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

My name is Christina Anthony, and I received my Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice degree in 2022. I also achieved my National certification to practice as a CRNA immediately after graduation. I am currently practicing anesthesia at a short-term acute care hospital that provides world-class medical care. At my current work facility, anesthesia is provided to over 130 patients daily. This requires having highly trained, extremely precise, and expert anesthesia providers to provide high-quality, safe care in a timely manner.

· As a Pennsylvania native myself, the state should stand with the CRNA Proposed Rulemaking. 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. This proposed rulemaking would help encourage Pennsylvania residents to continue their journey as CRNAs working in the state of Pennsylvania.

· 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 of the patient is cared for --- physically, mentally, and emotionally. I personally have provided anesthesia care to all walks of life. My current focus is on ASA 1 to ASA 4E adults requiring general, spinal, or MAC sedation anesthesia for complex cardiovascular, cardiothoracic, endovascular, neurosurgical, orthopedic, colorectal, etc. surgeries.

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,
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