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To whom it may concern:

I am writing as a Student Registered Nurse Anesthetist (SRNA) to express my strong support for the proposed rulemaking to recognize and license Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists under Act 60 of 2021 (Regulation #16A-5145).

This regulation represents a significant milestone for my future profession and for healthcare in Pennsylvania. As a future CRNA, It is encouraging to see the Board take this important step to formally recognize the critical role that CRNAs play in providing safe, high-quality anesthesia care throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The proposed rulemaking appropriately acknowledges the extensive education, training, and clinical expertise of CRNAs while establishing clear guidelines for practice in cooperation with physicians, dentists, and other healthcare specialists. This framework will allow CRNAs to practice to the full extent of their education and training while maintaining appropriate collaborative relationships with other healthcare providers.

This regulation will have several important benefits:

1. Improving access to care, especially in rural and underserved areas where CRNAs often provide the majority of anesthesia services.
2. Reducing healthcare costs while maintaining the highest standards of patient safety.
3. Creating a clearer regulatory framework that will attract and retain highly qualified anesthesia professionals in Pennsylvania.
4. Keeping Pennsylvania up to date with the vast majority of states that have already formally recognized CRNAs.

As I continue my education to become a CRNA, I am encouraged to see this development that will positively impact my future practice and the patients I will serve. The CRNA licensure represents the culmination of years of advocacy and hard work by countless nurses and organizations committed to advancing our profession.

I strongly urge the Board to proceed with finalizing this important regulation as proposed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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