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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 Jessica, and I have been a practicing CRNA since 2013. I have always called Pennsylvania my home, and intend to practice here for the longevity of my career. I currently work in Allegheny County, but have previously worked in Dauphin and Beaver Counties. This rule making is extremely imperative for our profession and I hope that my email succinctly explains why.

This rulemaking finally recognizes and licenses CRNAs as intended under Act 60 of 2021. The rulemaking solidifies the scope of practice for CRNAs to administer anesthesia in cooperation with and under the overall direction of licensed physicians, podiatrists, and dentists, while setting licensing fees and certification standards.

CRNAs are rigorously trained and have high caliber education standards that they must achieve in order to practice, which these regulations help to recognize. CRNAs have a long standing history, reinforced by numerous medical studies, of providing safe, high quality patient care. CRNAs stay with their patients throughout the entire procedure, beginning to end, delivering safe, quality and compassionate care. Pennsylvania currently has 15 highly rated nurse anesthetist programs operating across the commonwealth. This makes our state have a huge draw not only with practicing CRNAs but CRNA students alike. These regulations ensure that Pennsylvania is doing the right thing by strengthening existing CRNA programs and supporting the highly qualified CRNAs that these programs produce.

For all these reasons and many more, I urge support for the proposed rulemaking. I appreciate all the work that has gone into finally giving CRNAs the recognition that they deserve. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Jessica A. Maritto, CRNA, DNP