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

My name is John Sweeney, CRNA. I have been a practicing CRNA in NorthEast Pennsylvania for 30 years. Prior to becoming a CRNA I was a Surface Warfare Officer in the U.S. Navy.

The state of Pennsylvania has some of the most highly recognized CRNA education programs in the country. CRNAs provide safe, efficient and cost effective care throughout our country and provide the majority of anesthesia care in rural and underserved areas and without CRNAs many facilities in rural areas would not be able to maintain obstetrical, surgical, pain management or trauma services in their communities. CRNAs are normally the only anesthesia providers deployed with the military's forward surgical teams. In fact, it was because of a deployed CRNA on the aircraft carrier I was on, that I decided to return to Pennsylvania to pursue my education in Nursing, Critical care and eventually, Anesthesia.

I urge support for the proposed rule making and I appreciate the work that has gone into finally giving Pennsylvania CRNAs the recognition they deserve.

Thank you,

John D. Sweeney, MSN, CRNA, U.S. Navy Veteran