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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).

I'm a certified registered nurse anesthetist working at Penn State Health Holy Spirit Hospital in Cumberland County. I have been an RN for 24 years and a CRNA for 12 years. I'd like to share why this rulemaking is so important for our profession.

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.

As CRNAs, we pride ourselves on rigorous education and training standards. These regulations recognize the commitment each individual puts into their profession to provide the highest level of care.

Pennsylvania has 15 highly rated nurse anesthetist programs operating across the commonwealth. With these regulations, Pennsylvania is doing the right thing by strengthening existing CRNA programs and supporting the highly qualified professionals these programs produce.

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 meet these requirements ensuring that each patient receives the highest quality care.

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,

Kara Witmer, MSN, CRNA