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To Whom It May Concern,

I have been a nurse anesthetist for 16 years and **I am writing in support of Regulation 16A-5145 / IRRC #3444**. This proposed legislation will directly impact how CRNAs are credentialed, regulated, and practice. This will aim to move forward the recognition and licensing of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, which is an important development for CRNAs in PA. Currently, only New York and Pennsylvania do not recognize CRNAs as advanced practice nurses.

CRNAs are a dedicated group of highly educated professionals. We provide high quality, patient focused care. Anesthesiology is one of the only medical/nursing specialties in which providers are with patients, literally at their bedsides, throughout their entire anesthetic experience. A large portion of this care is performed by highly educated advance practice nurses, CRNAs, many of which have obtained their doctorate within the field of nurse anesthesia. This proposed legislation will help to move forward credentialing, continuing education, and recognition of CRNAs as advanced practice nurses in the state of PA.

Please, vote to move forward (in accordance with the rest of the country, helping to move towards a standard for licensing) and support Regulation 16A-5145 / IRRC #3444.

Thank you,

Kelly Chambers, CRNA