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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regard to the State Board of Nursing's proposed rulemaking 16A-5145 (CRNA).

My name is Kristen Shubert and I have been a CRNA at UPMC Shadyside Hospital in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, for 16 years. In this work, I have the privilege to step into a person's life at their most vulnerable time. They, along with their family members, are in a state of high anxiety and trepidation. Oftentimes, they have been in pain for a long period of time or have recently been given a diagnosis that leaves them with a lot of questions and expectations of what will happen in the future. I have a fraction of time in which to build trust, establish rapport, and instill confidence in the process they are about to undergo. This rulemaking is a crucial step in protecting and recognizing the CRNA profession.

Pennsylvania is nationally recognized for CRNA education, with 15 highly rated nurse anesthetist programs operating across the commonwealth. Students come from across the country to receive this top-rated education. At UPMC Shadyside, I have the opportunity to interact with and provide learning opportunities for the students in the University of Pittsburgh nurse anesthetist program. This rulemaking is important to demonstrate not just to the CRNA's working in the commonwealth, but to the students being educated here, that Pennsylvania holds the title of CRNA and the profession itself in high regard.

Patients as consumers have high expectations of the health care environment. They expect a strong knowledge base, safe provision of care, and cost-effective delivery that maximizes their healthcare dollar. As a provider, CRNA's deliver all of these things. CRNA's are with their patient throughout the operating room experience. They ensure preoperative testing and documentation is complete. They ensure patient stability, administering appropriate medications and fluids throughout the operating room time. They communicate with surgeons and other personnel to ensure patient and surgical expectations are met. Nationally recognized health-care policy and research organizations have proven that CRNA's deliver high-quality, cost-effective care.

For all these reasons I urge support for the proposed rulemaking. I appreciate all the work that has gone into finally giving CRNA's the recognition they deserve. I have deep gratitude for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
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