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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). As a CRNA who has practiced with in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for more than 12 years, I am pleased to see rules that properly codify CRNA practice while finally offering CRNAs a proper license. I am proud to have trained in Pennsylvania. As an alumnus of Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania, I understand the rigorous training offered by nurse anesthesia programs in the state. These regulations recognize the commitment each individual puts into their profession to provide the highest level of care. The also make the state more attractive when recruiting CRNAs to practice and teach. With more than a dozen accredited nurse anesthesia programs, being an attractive practice location helps universities recruit and retain faculty with attracting excellent students to our training programs. This can only help strengthen the healthcare workforce in the Commonwealth and ensure its citizens have access to affordable and available anesthesia services. CRNAs remain the primary providers of anesthesia care in rural America, enabling health-care facilities in these medically underserved areas to offer obstetrical, surgical, pain management, trauma stabilization, and other services. Without CRNAs, facilities in rural areas and medically underserved communities would not be able to maintain these services, forcing many rural Pennsylvanians to travel long distances for care. CRNA practice is safe, cost effective and well-studied with excellent outcomes.

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,
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