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Support for Proposed Rulemaking 16A-5145

To Whom It May Concern,

As a Nurse Anesthesia Resident (NAR) at Drexel University, I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed rulemaking 16A-5145 regarding Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs).

I currently live in Philadelphia and am in the final year of my nurse anesthesia education. Throughout my training, I have developed a deep appreciation for the clinical rigor and dedication required to enter this profession, and I am proud to be part of a healthcare workforce committed to safe, high-quality anesthesia care.

This proposed rule appropriately fulfills the intent of Act 60 of 2021 by formally recognizing and licensing CRNAs. It not only defines our scope of practice—administering anesthesia in cooperation with and under the direction of physicians, podiatrists, and dentists—but also establishes clear licensing fees and certification standards that reflect the level of professionalism expected in this role.

The advanced training we undergo as NARs is both intensive and comprehensive. With extensive clinical experience and in-depth study of pharmacology, physiology, and patient safety, we are thoroughly prepared to deliver anesthesia care that meets the highest standards. These regulations validate the commitment and expertise required to become a CRNA.

Importantly, the proposed rule creates new incentives for students like me to remain in Pennsylvania after graduation. Even though PA has the most CRNA programs in the country, many NARs have opted to relocate to states with clearer recognition of CRNAs, despite facing delays in credentialing. With these changes, PA becomes not only an exceptional place to study but also an appealing environment to build a long-term career.

For all these reasons, I urge you to support the adoption of Rulemaking 16A-5145. I sincerely appreciate your consideration and the work being done to formally recognize CRNAs for the essential role we play in advancing patient access to cost-effective, compassionate, and dependable care across Pennsylvania.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
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