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Mr. Robert E. Nyce  
Executive Director  
Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
14th Floor, Harristown 2  
333 Market Street  
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Dear Mr. Nyce:

I am forwarding to you a copy of Sharon Baron's letter addressed to me wherein she is expressing opposition to the final-form regulations concerning Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner Regulations that will be soon be deliberated by the Independent Regulatory Review Commission.

I respectfully request IRRC review Ms. Baron's concerns as described in the attached letter. Any reactions are welcomed.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

  
Rep. Greg Vitali  
166th Legislative District

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cc: Sharon Y. Baron, MSN, RN, CS

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June 6, 2000

Representative Gregory S. Vitali  
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Dear Representative Vitali:


It is probable that at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Independent Regulatory Review Committee (IRRC) on July 13th, the committee will vote on the current version of the Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner Regulations. I am writing to request that you contact the IRRC and urge them to disapprove these regulations in their current form.

These regs were rewritten by the Board of Medicine and the CRNPs did not have the opportunity to review and comment on them after they were rewritten. There are several major problems with these regs as currently written. Specifically, they are MORE restrictive than current practice, limiting the ratio of physicians to CRNPs to 2 to 1. This limitation will adversely impact on the availability of quality health care to underserved communities within the Commonwealth. In addition, the requirement that CRNPs take a specific 45 hour pharmacology course will force many CRNPs who have been practicing for years to go back to school, a totally untenable situation.

I urge you to write to the the members of IRRC and request that they disapprove these regs and return them to the Boards of Nursing and Medicine for further review and revision.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Sharon Y. Baron, MSN, RN, CS