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Dear Ms. Steffanic:

My purpose in writing is to express my support for the State Board of Nursing's proposed amendments to 49 PA. Code Ch. 21 that will set new minimum pass rates of program graduates on the licensing examination and set forth requirements and procedures for RN and PN education programs on provisional approval status or subject to removal from approved lists.

This proposed action is essential in assuring the quality of nursing education programs in the Commonwealth, the safety of the consumer public and the integrity of the nursing profession.

On a related topic, I would like to request that the Board consider establishing regulations that would require that

- an individual who is unsuccessful in two sitting of the licensure examination be required to meet additional educational requirements prior to repeating the examination, and
- graduates of approved nursing education programs be required to sit for the licensure examination within three years of completion of the program.

Sincerely,

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 Dean and Professor