

October 6, 2009

James M. Smith, Analyst
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Mr. Smith:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse Practitioners (PCNP), I would like to take this opportunity to comment on **16A-5124 CRNP General Revisions Final Rulemaking** as delivered by the State Board of Nursing on Thursday, October 2nd, 2009. PCNP supports and approves the amended language as seen in final form documents. Our leadership has taken great interest in the development of this regulatory language, and we are pleased to note that many of our suggested revisions appear in the proposed amendments. Having been governed solely by the Board of Nursing since 2002, these long overdue changes will be welcomed with great enthusiasm! We are confident the determinations made by the Board were soundly based upon research that supports the advancement of our profession, will enhance our ability to practice to the full breath of our education and clinical expertise, while improving access to care for citizens and communities throughout the Commonwealth.

We appreciate your consideration of our comments. If you have any questions or need to speak with me directly, don't hesitate to call me at (215) 512-0011 or by email at sschrand@pacnp.org

With warm regards,



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