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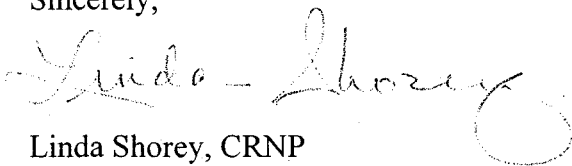
Dear Ms. Steffanic:

I have been a practicing nurse practitioner for 23 years. For 11 of those years I was Active Duty in the Air Force. The military recognized the need for nurse practitioners years ago and has been using nurse practitioners to increase access to care. When in the Air Force I had the responsibility of prescription privileges immediately after certification. No arbitrary collaborative ratio existed. I never saw an instance of a poor outcome related to the lack of such a system. What is the reason the State of Pennsylvania Medical Society feels a more restrictive system is required here than in the Federal Government?

As a nurse practitioner I have had several years of school, continuing education and certification attesting to my competency. I would like to use this knowledge to the fullest extent. I currently practice in a Planned Parenthood agency where a limited number of physicians practice. The ratio limit of CRNP to physicians for prescriptive privileges limits the nurse practitioner's and the agency's ability to provide care for needy Pennsylvania women. This policy needs to be changed to increase access to care. In today's economic climate and the climbing rate of uninsured residents, the urgency of this situation cannot be ignored.

Please feel free to contact me at if you any questions.

Sincerely,



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