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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Staffanic,

As a Nurse Practitioner, I am contacting you in support of approving 16A-5124 CRNP General Regulations. The proposed changes will improve access to health care for Pennsylvanians while becoming more consistent with the expanded scope of practice authorized by Act 48.

The removal of the 4:1 NP to physician ratio would improve access to care as there are fewer physicians to collaborate, a requirement to legally practice prescriptive authority. I have the good fortune to be in a practice that this is not a problem but many of my colleagues in rural and center city clinics are restricted. This will become more problematic as only 2-3% new physicians are entering family practice.

The schedule II, III, IV drug prescriptions hamper my care to my patients with chronic pain in my geriatric practice. One patient has been on a schedule II for intractable pain, has gone to 2 pain clinics, and is now in my care. This places a burden that I must seek out a physician for her ongoing needs. Many are able to realize cost savings by using mail order, reducing co payment costs but only if it is a 90 day supply. Once again, I must take time from another patient to provide the best care for patient number one.

I ask that you approve 16A-5124 CRNP General Regulations as proposed.

Sincerely,

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