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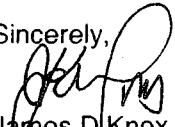
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To whom it may concern:

I wanted to weigh in on the proposed changes to the CRNP regulations regarding prescriptive authority for scheduled drugs. I would like to see the regulations amended as proposed, allowing a CRNP to prescribe schedule 2 drugs for 30 days and schedules 3 through 5 drugs for 90 days. The need to co-sign these prescriptions is disruptive and burdensome and leads to unnecessary delays in care in some instances. It is reasonable, in my mind, to allow a CRNP to sign for these medications as long as a collaborating physician is available at all times to discuss any questions or concerns. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



James D Knox Jr MD