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Ms. Ann Steffanic
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Dear Ms. Steffanic,

I am writing in response to the proposed rulemaking process with regards to the CRNP regulations. I am sure you understand this is not a request for expansion of our role as nurse practitioners, but as a force to remove barriers to practice.

We, as nurse practitioners provide a crucial role in providing primary care to otherwise patients who would go without care. Since the inception of the medical schools, there hasn't been an increase in enrollment. Also, medical students' do not become family/primary care providers, because of the low pay, poor reimbursement, etc. It is just not appealing to make a low income when a specialty can provide much more. This is where the family nurse practitioner comes in to play. We provide safe, comprehensive care for the great need in the patient population. Our patients love our caring nature.

Already in our society there are too many barriers to care. Help take down the walls.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

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