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Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing Attn: Ann Steffanic, Board Administrator P.O. Box 2649 Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649 INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

Ref: 16A-5124 CRNP General Revisions

State Board of Nursing:

I am writing to ask for your support of the proposed rule making package of the State Board of Nursing pertaining to Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners General Revisions, 16A-5124.

I am a mother of four young boys who have been treated by a nurse practitioner at in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The NP provided competent and compassionate care to my children; always taking time to listen to my concerns and providing excellent care and advice. I actually attempt to make appointments for my children when the nurse practitioner is on duty because of the care he gives and the time he spends with his patients.

Nurse practitioners are a cost effective way to improve access to high quality health care. Their ability to care for patients is of tremendous importance in the current health care crisis in our country and our state.

I am urging you to support the proposed changes so my family and other residents of Pennsylvania can continue to have access to nurse practitioners care. These proposed regulations will allow nurse practitioners to provide care to their full educational levels.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,