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Ref. #16A-5124 CRNP General Revisions

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of new regulations expanding the practice of nurse practitioners in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

I am a patient that has been treated for several years by a nurse practitioner (CRNP) at practice. The CRNP has provided competent and professional care at a time that was needed. The availability of the CRNP to diagnose and treat me prevented delaying my care and or needing emergency room services.

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 would like to see CRNPs utilized to their full potential in Pennsylvania as they are in most states throughout the country.

Sincerely,