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Ann Steffanic Board Administrator Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing P.O. Box 2649 Harrisburg, PA 17105

Date: 11/17/08

Dear Ann Steffanic:

I am writing to you to offer full support of the proposed CRNP regulations, No. 16A- 124 CRNP General Revisions.

I am in full support of Nurse Practitioners practicing to their full capacity when caring for patients. In these challenging economic times, I have found that Nurse Practitioners provide expert care in an economical manner. Nurse Practitioners are not only meeting the needs of health care consumers, but also of health care institutions.

As a physician, I have had the privilege of working with many Nurse Practitioners over the years. The level of care provided by Nurse Practitioners' has never been in question.

Additionally, I have found Nurse Practitioners to provide a level of education for their patients that is sometimes lacking in these hurried health care times. This education may ultimately lead to a more effective use of health care dollars.

Allowing Nurse Practitioners to practice to their full capacity can only be an asset to health care provided in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, insurance companies, and most importantly, patients will all benefit from the passage of the proposed regulations.

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