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To Whom It May Concern:

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

I am a physician who collaborates with nurse practitioners (CRNP) in several venues in the Masonic Village and Geriatric Associates of Lancaster. My NP associates have and continue to provide competent and professional care in the office setting and in nursing homes. The availability of the CRNP to diagnose and treat prevents delayed care and/or a patient 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.

The Physicians' Foundation, founded in 2003, recent survey reports 78 percent of the 12,000 respondents, believe there is a shortage of primary care doctors. Another documented fact is that only 2-3 percent of medical graduates are entering primary care. Nurse practitioners have been and need to continue to be a critical part of access to health care in Pennsylvania and the United States.

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

Sincerely yours,



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