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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a nurse practitioner from Pennsylvania. I have 20 years nursing experience with 14 years as a nurse practitioner in various settings. I currently work in a Family Practice in Abington. I serve the local community as primary care provider and I see patients with a wide range of medical problems, including acute and chronic pain issues, anxiety and depression. I am unable to write for Schedule II prescriptions for longer than 72 hours and Schedule III and IV for longer than 30 days.

These current regulations interfere with my ability to practice to my fullest potential. This requires my patients to make multiple trips to the physicians in my practice. It impedes access to care and requires additional and unnecessary visits to the doctor. The physicians are interrupted which takes away time to care for their patients. Many of our patients live on a fixed income and have to spend more money on gas, co-pays and parking fees. This current system is inefficient and a hardship to patients.

I am requesting you approve the CRNP regulations under consideration to increase access and continuity of quality care for my patients and all Pennsylvanians.

Thank You,



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