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Dear Ann,

I am writing this letter in support of the proposed CRNP rules and regulations (reference number 16A-5124). I have been a Nurse Practitioner for approximately 25 years in the state of Pennsylvania, and I have dedicated my life to the healthcare of women and children in our great state. I also have had the dual roles of CRNP and nurse-educator since 1981. I am a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, and have maintained my understanding of contemporary standards of care and pharmacology since then; as well as all the appropriate credentials and certifications to enable me to practice legally and effectively. I strongly endorse the proposal to remove the 4:1 NP to physician ratio. Many other states do not support regulating ratios, because it is unrealistic. The decisions the Board makes should be based on the goal to provide accessible and quality health care from professionals who have demonstrated their competency and integrity. CRNPs do this every day. Patient outcome data reflects the fact that the academic preparation for advanced practice nursing is rigorous and thorough.

In my practice, I provide gynecologic care to well women. In addition to the diagnosis and pharmacological treatment of common reproductive tract ailments, I offer prenatal education and referral, PAP screening, STD screening and treatment, clinical breast examination and mammography and bone density screening and referrals. I treat populations on the fringe of society like those who are impoverished or in abusive situations. I provide options for fertility control and mental health referral. I have identified early stages of breast, uterine and cervical cancer and a rare form of pelvic bone cancer in a 22 year-old female who came for her pre-college physical assessment; all at the clinics of Planned Parenthood SE Pa. In my whole career I have only contacted the collaborating physician 4 times. I responsibly follow protocols and maintain credentialing and certification requirements, and I am confident in the advice and counsel I am given by my CRNP colleagues.

In short, maintaining the 'status quo' exacerbates the problems of inaccessible health care and creates barriers for CRNPs to provide the full scope of services for which they are trained to offer. Also, we as Pennsylvanians must support the Governor's agenda. When Act 48 was passed in 2007, it became clear that the Pa. health care infrastructure was very fragile. His strategic thinking and initiatives were introduced to improve the health

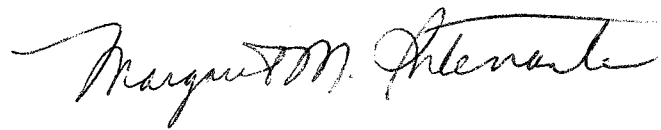
of our population, and save our citizens from the dire consequences of an ineffective and inefficient model of health care. Supporting the 16A-5124 CRNP General Revisions will strengthen our move toward improved outcomes in health care.

Sincerely,

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and

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret M. Interrante". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name and address.