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Ms Anne Steffanic, Board Administrator Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing PO Box 2649 Harrisburg, Pa. 17105-2649

Dear Ms Steffanic,

My wife and I have been made aware of certain proposals relating to the ratio of Nurse Practitioners to physicians and in prescribing medications. We have no relationship with the Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse Practitioners, but a very positive one with the Nurse Practitioner who has been my wife's primary care giver at our health facility. I am retired **Constitution** and have been using a facility that provides TRICARE medical treatment for both of us.

This practitioner has been all one could wish in a physician and more. She listens, is excellent at diagnosis and referral to specialists and very competent. It would be our wish that these deserving contributers to the medical field be given more authority and not be treated like nurses by the medical profession.

We would certainly support adoption of the proposed changes to CRNP rules and regulations.

Most sincerely,

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