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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.

The 4:1 ratio of nurse practitioners to physicians is a very subjective choice with little basis for level of care and consideration of the patients. Eliminating that requirement would improve scheduling for patients, reduce waiting room time, and allow more time to be spent with patients for diagnosis and treatment. Frankly, more nurse practitioners will improve diagnosis and treatment.

The limit of 72 hours for certain drug prescriptions is ludicrous. This requires patients in pain to return and results in increasing the costs of medicines for these patients.

Given the current health care crisis, I think expanding access to quality service is important. The new regulations do this. It are beneficial to patients, and should be supported. This should be about merits, not politics. I think it merits your support.

Sincerely yours,



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