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To Whom It May Concern::

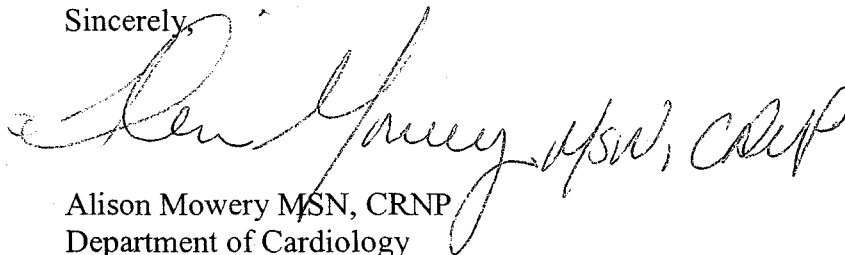
I am writing in support of approving 16A-5124 CRNP General Regulations. The proposed changes will improve access to health care for Pennsylvanians while becoming mores consistent with the expanded scope of practice already authorized by Act 48.

I don't prescribe the schedule II, III, IV drug prescriptions often however, these restrictions impact my colleagues in primary care and the care they provide to their patients. These restrictions especially impact those colleagues in primary care who are unable to provide 90 day prescriptions to their patients which results in added expense and inconvenience to their patients.

The removal of the 4:1 CRNP to physician ratio would improve access to care as there are fewer physicians to collaborate. Fortunately, this is not an issue for me but many of my colleagues in rural and inner city clinics find this to be a significant problem. This restricts their ability to provide care to those patients who might otherwise be unable to find caregivers close to their homes.

Approval of these Rules and Regulations will bring us one step closer to improving access to health care which will ultimately improve the health for all Pennsylvanians. I appreciate your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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