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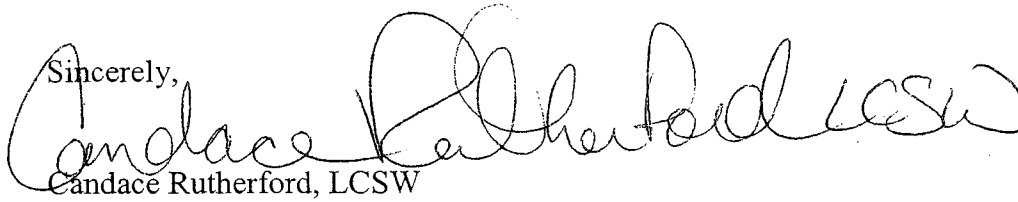
Ann Steffanic, Board Administrator
Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing
P.O. Box 2649
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Dear Ms Steffanic;

I am writing to support General Revisions 16A-5124 CRNP. I work very closely with a CRNP and support the revisions in this proposed legislation. This would allow prescriptive authority consistent with DEA privileges of Nurse Practitioners.

There is a shortage of prescribing practitioners in psychiatry and these changes would allow the psychiatric nurse practitioner to see patients at intervals based on clinical need verses legal limitations and thereby improve access to a greater number of patients.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Candace Rutherford LCSW". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Candace Rutherford, LCSW
Clinical Manager/ Outpatient Therapist