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Dear Ms. Steffanic,

Please accept this letter in support of the above-proposed revisions to the CRNP Rules and Regulations. I have been a Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner for over a decade. I have practiced in a variety of settings with diverse populations. I have provided safe, effective, high quality and cost-effective care to patients in community health clinics, the federal prison system, private family practices and even an organ transplant center. Though each of these settings and the patient population served is very different, the outcomes remain the same. I have enjoyed a strong following of satisfied patients, and these patients have enjoyed personalized health care and improved health outcomes.

Nurse practitioners provide high quality, expert patient care, and patients consistently report high levels of satisfaction with CRNP care. Decades of research support this. The rub is that CRNPs are not allowed to practice to their full capability in the state of Pennsylvania. Imagine the positive impact CRNPs might have on patient outcomes if the barriers impeding the practice of their full scope were removed.

I have read the above proposal in its entirety. I fully support it. Each change is essential so that CRNPs may practice to their full capability. Pennsylvanians deserve the benefits of this proposal.

I have also read the many letters of *concern* and opposition to the proposal. Please take note that none of these letters provides facts or research to support the concern or opposition, but instead offer mere personal opinion. The statements of opposition are, as are the current CRNP Rules and Regulations, unduly restrictive to CRNPs and unhealthy for the citizens of Pennsylvania.

Please support this legislative change for all Pennsylvanians.

Sincerely,


Lynn Phillips, CRNP
Family Nurse Practitioner