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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

984 Wesley Avenue Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006 December 2, 2008

Ann Steffanic Board Administrator Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing PO Box 2649 Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

Dear Ms. Steffanic:

I am writing in support of 16A-5124 CRNP General Revisions. I am a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner and strongly support nurse practitioners functioning at their full scope of practice to support patients. I work for a large school district and care for 1,000. Many times I am the only source of health care for these children. The children who do have health homes often have interruptions in their services due to dysfunctional families resulting in multiple problems.

I truly hope the change for prescribing scheduled medication is extended to 30 days. I can attest first hand to the disruption in children's lives and education when there is an interruption in medication for ADHD.

Colleagues who practice in rural areas of the Commonwealth could provide optimal patient care by the removal of the requirement of the 4:1 NP to physician ratio. During these days of economic hardship, we need to do everything we can to support our patients and remove barriers from delivery of health care. It is our duty and our responsibility!

Thank you for your full support of 16A-5124.

Sincerely,

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