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Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing  
ATTN: Ann Steffanic, Board Administrator  
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**Ref. # 16A-5124 CRNP General Revisions**

Dear Ms. Steffanic:

As a Nurse Practitioner, I am contacting you in support of approving 16A-5124 CRNP General Regulations. The proposed changes will improve access to health care for Pennsylvanians while becoming more consistent with the expanded scope of practice authorized by Act 48.

Working in a nurse-managed health center where there are many nurse practitioners practicing on different days, the removal of the 4:1 NP to physician ratio would improve access to care as we can use the same collaborating physician, and our patients will have continuity of care in the prescriptive practices of the nurse practitioners in our center.

The restrictions to schedule II, III, IV drug prescriptions hamper the care that some of my colleagues in other settings who manage children with seizure disorders or children with Attention Deficit Disorder are able to give to their patients. This will allow nurse practitioners to manage patient care in a more seamless fashion. After all, nurse practitioners take a Pharmacology course in their basic education and must complete 16 hours of pharmacology continuing education every 2 years to maintain their prescriptive privileges.

The approval of these CRNP Rules and Regulations will help with the goal of improving access to quality health care by nurse practitioners for all Pennsylvanians; and these regulations will allow this class of providers, nurse practitioners, to practice to the full extent of their qualifications.

I appreciate your time and attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, I can be reached at 267-626-6344 (cell).

Sincerely,

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