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CRNP General Revisions 16A-5124
Attn: Ann Stefanick, Board Administrator
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Re: CRNP Proposed Regulations for the State of Pennsylvania

Dear Ms. Stefanick:

I felt obliged to comment concerning the ongoing issues relative to nurse practitioners in the State of Pennsylvania and specifically with the current restrictions on prescription writing of Schedule II through IV medications.

At a time when access to healthcare and problems with the size of physician workforce is such an issue, this is no time to be restricting access to healthcare delivery. This same attitude would easily transition into the topic of prescription writing. It makes little sense to restrict Schedule II through IV through a limited amount of days thereby placing great stress and barriers of healthcare delivery on the patient.

At some point as a profession we have to understand and appreciate the talent, experience and training that the nurse practitioner brings to our profession and be able to ultimately use it to the benefit of everyone. With that then, I felt it important to express my support for the proposed regulations at hand.

Sincerely,



Ed Balaban, D.O., F.A.C.P.

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cc: Office of the Governor of Pennsylvania