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Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing
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To Whom It May Concern:

As a nurse practitioner, I am writing in support of the new regulations concerning our practice. The proposed changes will improve access to health care for people in Chester County and all of Pennsylvania.

The removal of the 4:1 nurse practitioner to physician ratio would surely provide better access to care as there are and will be fewer physicians with whom to collaborate. I have the good fortune to work in an office where this is not a problem, but many of my colleagues who work in rural and deep urban areas are restricted by the shortage of physicians, thus restricting general patient access to health care services.

The change in schedule II prescriptive ability will allow patients to suffer less disruption of continuity of care and they will suffer less economic hardship. It will also free up nurse practitioners to care for more patients in need.

Nurse practitioners have proven invaluable to providing cost effective, high quality health care. Allowing us to practice to our full potential will improve the general well-being of our state and our country.

Sincerely,

Jody Hill, CRNP
Family Nurse Practitioner
Vice President of Patient Care Services

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