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To Ann:

I am writing today to support the (Reference #: 16A-5124) CRNP General Revisions as I feel it will help provide quality care and improve CRNP practice within Pennsylvania. This is important to me as I am a current nurse practitioner student at the University of Pennsylvania and will be practicing as a CRNP within Pennsylvania starting in August of 2009. I am excited to be more involved with nursing legislation as a part of one of my classes. With the class entitled, "Professional Role Issues for Nurse Practitioners" it should come as no surprise that our class focuses on improving the role of the NP. I feel that getting more involved in the nursing legislative process is one of the first steps to accomplishing this. By writing this letter I am able to do even more to help support the profession that I have chosen to pursue.

After reading more about the proposed revisions I strongly support the State Board of Nursing and the House Professional Licensure Committee and their efforts to pass the CRNP General Revisions. Although I am not yet a practicing CRNP, I look forward to participating in support of such regulations that will allow me to practice as a CRNP to the best of my ability.

There is one particular item within the general revisions that is particularly important to me in my pursuit of becoming a Pediatric Endocrinology NP. I can foresee an important part of my practice will be dealing with patients who need 90 day mail order prescription plans. In my previous experience in endocrinology taking care of patients with diabetes and growth hormone deficiency, medication prescriptions were a large part of my job. Most of the patients that I took care of spent hundreds and even thousands of dollars per year on their prescription medications. Many of my patients were forced to purchase these medications with a 30 day supply which cost much more than the same medications would have with a 90 day supply. As a registered nurse with no prescriptive privileges my hands were tied. However, this legislation would help me to serve my patients better with regard to their prescriptive plans.

In conclusion, I am happy to write in support of CRNP General Revisions as I feel they will only help me in my practice in the future as a CRNP. Thank you for your time and all your efforts.

Sincerely,



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