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ATTN: Ann Steffanic, Board Administrator  
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Ref.#16A-5124 CRNP General Revisions

Dear Ms. Steffanic:

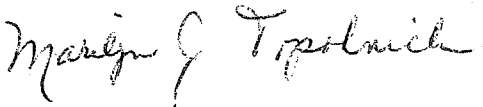
I strongly support the proposed changes to the CRNP regulations.

I am a pharmacist employed by a mail order pharmacy in Pennsylvania where I see prescriptions written by nurse practitioners and physicians from many states. Consistently, the prescriptions written by the nurse practitioners are legible, complete, and accurate.

The proposed regulations allow a CRNP to prescribe Schedule II controlled substances for a 30-day supply as opposed to a 72-hour supply. They also allow for a prescription of schedule III and IV to be written for a period of 90 days rather than 30 days. Both of these provisions remove the arbitrary barriers to CRNP practice and enhance patient care. Patients will have access to their medications in amounts that are more realistic and reasonable and ensure better compliance. This will also the patient the cost savings provided by their prescriptions insurance benefits.

I urge you to support the proposed CRNP regulations confident that Pennsylvanians will have better access to quality health care.

Sincerely,



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