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Dear Ms Steffanic,

I am a family nurse practitioner student from the University of Pennsylvania. I am writing this letter to support the proposed legislation. The proposed revision to Pennsylvania CRNP regulations will help nurse practitioners to provide better quality primary care to low income and underserved people. By removing the 4:1 maximum CRNP to physician ratio, CRNP will have less difficulty finding a physician willing to give collaborative care. The proposed regulations will help CRNP to provide more cost-effective care to low-income patients who need schedule II, III, IV drugs. Current regulations restrict CRNP to prescribe schedule II, III, and IV drugs; unfortunately, this creates financial burden for low income patients by forcing them to make more frequent visits to CRNP. As a result, patients have to bear the cost of more co-pays for prescription refills. Therefore, I am in full support of adopting proposed regulations to help many low income and vulnerable populations.

Sincerely,

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