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Ann Steffanic, Board Administrator  
Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing  
P.O. Box 2649  
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Dear Ms Steffanic;

I am writing to support General Revisions 16A-5124 CRNP. I am a psychiatric and mental health clinical nurse specialist, and director of Behavioral Health Services in a system that employs a CRNP. The revisions in this proposed legislation allowing for prescriptive authority are consistent with DEA privileges of Nurse Practitioners in other states.

There is a shortage of prescribing practitioners in psychiatry, these changes would allow the psychiatric nurse practitioner to see patients at intervals based on clinical need verses legal limitations and thereby improve access to a greater number of patients. I believe changes in the legislation will improve our service to the community.

Sincerely,

Lydia V. Price M.S., APRN-BC

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