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RE: Regulation 2729 Nurse Practitioner Practice.

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a Pennsylvania Nurse Practitioner for more than 15 years. Much of that time, I have elected to practice in Maryland, a state where I was not supervised but work collaboratively with my physicians. I am able to prescribe many classes of medications including Schedule II narcotics approved by the Board of Nursing. I work without co-signatures of my charts and prescriptions. I worked without burdensome regulations that hampered my care for many patients.

In my many years of practice, I can only recall one instance where I prescribed a medication that may have interacted adversely with other medications my patient was taking but did not cause any untoward effect in that particular instance. I have never been involved in any type of malpractice investigation. I can confidently state that my practice was safe and of very high quality.

As a professional, I did not need regulations to ensure that I continued my education.

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As a professional, I wanted to provide the very best of care to my patients.

As a Pennsylvania resident, I lived closer to major medical facilities in PA than I did to those in Maryland. It always amazed me that by driving a few miles further south, I became a more intelligent, safer, and more competent provider of quality care. Isn't it a shame that qualified Pennsylvania residents need to travel to another state to practice what they have been trained to do without unnecessary obstacles to care.

I know that Maryland isn't Pennsylvania and Maryland nurse practitioners have issues as well. However, their system has been working well for many years and does not pose the many regulations, barriers and expense that Pennsylvania's current and proposed regulations impose upon nurse practitioners, physicians, the State and Pennsylvania residents.

I adamantly oppose additional restrictions upon nurse practitioners that deny access to quality care to Pennsylvania residents of all ages and social economic status.

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