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Attn: Ann Steffame, Board Administrator  
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Dear Ms Steffame,

As a nurse practitioner in women's health, I do not generally need to prescribe Schedule II, III, or IV drugs. I write in support of my fellow practitioners extending the time frame to 30 and/or 90 days for Schedule II, III, or IV drugs as of tremendous benefit to our patients. Why should patients need to call the office after 12 hours or weekly for medication refills - it does not make any sense. This particularly affects patients with chronic illness and those facing end-of-life disease.

As far as the 4:1 NP to physician ratio, this does not affect my practice as I am the only NP with 2 physicians. But, again, for my fellow NPs, it can be a tremendous roadblock for those serving in clinics providing care to the non-insured or underinsured.

Let's try to work together with physicians to provide the best care possible for all our patients. It is time to end the constant bickering.

Sincerely,  
Lietta Weaver Esq.