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To whom this may concern:

I respectfully submit this comment from the Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse Practitioners (PCNP) who represent over 18,000 Nurse Practitioners in the Commonwealth. PCNP did not believe that the initial proposed regulations accomplished the intent of Act 53 and in fact, did the opposite. As an advocate for the Pennsylvania nurses, our organization was particularly concerned that the regulations would have prevented qualified people from becoming licensed nurses which was unacceptable particularly given the nursing shortage crises.

We support the final occupational licensing reform regulations because:

- The directly related lists have been cut down to offenses that really are directly related to the performance of the occupations.
- The regulations now contain time limits on how long an offense is directly related.

These regulations will allow people with criminal records who do not present risk to obtain occupational licenses and fill job vacancies, while protecting public safety.

We support the final regulations.

Sincerely,

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