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Dear Pennsylvania Legislator,  
**RE: Support HB 765/SB 717**

The Pennsylvania Organization of Nurse Leaders (PONL) is the voice of nursing leadership in Pennsylvania representing nursing administrators at all levels including chief nursing officers, directors, managers, educators and others responsible for the delivery of safe, high quality, and cost effective patient care. PONL functions as a networking and information vehicle for Pennsylvania nursing leaders and is the state affiliate of the American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE).

As nurses, leaders, and consumers of health care, our members are informed and concerned about access to high quality health care for all Commonwealth citizens. Research studies have shown that care delivered by CRNP's is high quality resulting in similar outcomes at lower cost when compared to care provided by physicians.<sup>1</sup> CRNP's are often more willing than physicians to provide care in the underserved areas of rural Pennsylvania and our inner cities.<sup>2</sup>

Current **outdated** regulations hamper the ability of CRNP's in our state to practice to the full extent of their education, knowledge and skills. **We respectfully request that you support HB 765 and SB 717.** It's time for Pennsylvania to join 21 other states and Washington, DC in granting full practice authority to our CRNP's.

Removing the licensure requirements for physician collaboration will increase access to care, reduce costs, and would promote growth of the nurse practitioner workforce.<sup>3</sup>

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important issue. **Please don't** hesitate to **contact us** at 412-344-1414 with any questions.

Sincerely,



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<sup>1</sup> American Association of Nurse Practitioners. (2013). *Quality of Nurse Practitioners Practice*.

<sup>2</sup> Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse Practitioners. (2015). *Nurse Practitioners Care for PA*. [pcnp@pacnp.org](mailto:pcnp@pacnp.org).

<sup>3</sup> Duke University School of Law. (2015). *The Value of Full Practice Authority for Pennsylvania's Nurse Practitioners Technical Appendix*. [https://law.duke.edu/news/pdf/nurse\\_practitioners\\_report-PA-TechnicalAppendix.pdf](https://law.duke.edu/news/pdf/nurse_practitioners_report-PA-TechnicalAppendix.pdf) and [https://law.duke.edu/news/pdf/nurse\\_practitioners\\_report-PA.pdf](https://law.duke.edu/news/pdf/nurse_practitioners_report-PA.pdf)