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I am writing to oppose the Board of Registration in Nursing (BORN) proposed regulations which will place our patient's lives at an even

greater risk of increased morbidity and mortality related to medication errors.

The proposed changes would allow the health care industry to start using unlicensed people to administer medication to all patients in all healthcare settings. Additionally the licensed

Nurse is forced to oversee and supervise unlicensed staff administration under his/hers nursing license; which places us at an even greater risk for malpractice when medication errors occur.

Final regulations must ensure safe medication administration for all patients. Right now, except in two limited circumstances, only licensed nurses can administer medication in every setting. Medication administration involves much more than just dispensing. It requires a higher level of education about anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, and knowledge of drug interactions that demand the skilled assessment and monitoring that nurses provide.

When making your decision I urge you to think of the impact this legislation has on your own lives, the lives of your own children, grandchildren and other family members. In addition, I urge you to consider the greatest good of all patients who will certainly be placed at higher risk of disability and death

as result of this very dangerous legislation.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and giving me the opportunity to testify.

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