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As a nursing student, I am constantly being tested on medication administration, safe dosing for children, etc. We are taught to always question and triple check the doctors prescribed dosing and to never give a drug without knowing how it works and what it will cause, the positive and negative. Does this seem reasonable to you? Well it does to me, seeing as EVERY teacher I have had in my nursing career thus far has a horrible story to tell about a collegue making a medicine error....we don't need to loosen the laws, we need to keep them strict! To diminish the nurses role by potentially allowing medication administration to be done by non-licensed personnel has medication error written all over it. We are taught to avoid those...because that could very well mean the death of our patient...your mother, father, grandmother or your three day old baby.

--Molly Foster of Westwood MA

I am writing to oppose the Board of Registration in Nursing's nursing regulations as drafted.

The proposed changes could allow the health care industry to start using unlicensed people to administer medication to all patients in all settings. If that happened, hundreds of thousands of patients could be endangered.

Please approve final regulations that ensure safe medication administration for all patients. Right now, except in two limited circumstances, only licensed nurses can administer medication in every setting. That ensures patient safety because medication administration involves much more than just dispensing medication.It involves knowledge about anatomy, physiology and drug interactions that demand the skilled assessment and monitoring that nurses provide.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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