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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. Untrained workers do not have the knowledge base to know when to not administer a medication or how to administer medication. Why does the state require nurses to have years of college training, pass a licensing exam, and have hours of continuing education every two years, if the state would allow anyone to do our job duties? Hundreds will get sick or die if an unlicensed worker is allowed to do part of our job duties because health care facilities will hire less nurses. Less nurses means less supervision of unlicensed workers.

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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