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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.

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.

It is very important for patient safety and patient care that only nurses are allowed to administer medications. I work in an urgent care clinic as a nurse practitioner. I see every day the importance of nurses taking care of patients. They are trained to look for subtle clues and monitor for signs of change. Unlicensed personnel do not have these skills.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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