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Dear Esteemed Members of the NYSANA Board,

My journey in the nursing profession began in 2011 as an ICU nurse in the Neurosurgical ICU at the former Gates Circle Hospital in Buffalo. In 2012, as the former Gates merge with Buffalo General Medical Center, I continued working in the NSICU until 2013 where I took a position in the Surgical ICU at Buffalo General Medical Center there I continued to work until 2017 when I began pursuing my doctorates degree in Nurse Anesthesiology. With six years of broad ICU experience, I applied to the University at Buffalo's Nurse Anesthesiology program and began my journey in this great field. After, completing a wealth of training and didactic studies I graduated in 2020 immediately joining BNA (Buffalo Niagara Anesthesia) a private anesthesia group during the height of the pandemic. There I was exposed to a vast amount of high acuity patients while immersing myself in many different operative cases.

However, early on I quickly realized that as upcoming professionals representing this great profession it is imperative that we work diligently and tirelessly to gain title recognition. CRNA's in this state have not been recognized for their hard work and dedication to their patients for far too long. The lack of recognition led me to understand very quickly that advocacy and political action is paramount to gaining the title recognition that we so rightfully deserve. I understand, that this task is a collaborative effort of many like minded professionals seeking a common goal through advocacy and political action by an organization such as NYSANA which is the key to gaining the recognition we deserve. On an individual level I have wrote to my local, state and federal representatives advocating the importance of title recognition for CRNA's that has gone unheard for far too long.

As we all know CRNA's are an integral part of the operative team, our role is most vital and important in keeping our patients safe and comfortable during their most vulnerable time. It will be my goal to educate our state representatives on just how important our roles are and for those roles not to be blurred by our anesthesiologist colleagues. I believe we must and need to continue to educate our state legislators on the need to secure and legitimize our profession. We need a bill that will ultimately remove the crippling and restrictive language that has prevented us from practicing to our full scope and training for far too long.

I ask the board to consider my candidacy for the position of director and afford me the opportunity to continue the fight for title recognition in the last state where CRNA's are not recognized. Thank you for your time and consideration, I looking forward to working with you all in propelling our profession to further heights.

Respectfully,

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