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Roberto B. Martinez, Chief
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Dear Mr. Martinez:

Needless to say the Board of Registered Nursing was extremely dismayed to receive a copy of a letter from Department of Health Services stating physician supervision is required of certified registered nurse anesthetists.

The Board of Registered Nursing respectfully requests a retraction of this erroneous interpretation, and that all parties are informed of your response.

It is the position of the Board of Registered Nursing that physician supervision is not required for certified registered nurse anesthetist practice.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter. The BRN requests in the future to be consulted regarding the Business and Professions Code in matters of scope of practice for registered nurses. Please be assured that the Board of Registered Nursing welcomes all opportunities to work with you and your staff on any issues related to registered nursing and advanced practice nursing. Please feel free to contact me at any time at (916) 324-2715.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ruth Ann Terry'.

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