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Dear Representative Saylor:

My name is Kimberly Furman, and I am a practicing physician assistant in York, Pennsylvania. I am writing to formally request your support of the proposed changes to the Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18. They are soon coming to the professional licensure committee, and I wanted to make you aware of the importance of the proposed changes. In essence, the changes will bring the physician assistant regulations current, thereby meeting the healthcare needs of our patients today. These changes will streamline supervision without diminishing the physician's role in providing care and allow doctors to make the best use of their physician assistants. Changing the length of time for chart review and relaying treatment information will help us to respond to the realities of current clinical practice. The changes to the prescription regulations for physician assistants will also give patients better access to appropriate treatment.

I would like to thank the board and commend them on the previous work and approval of these regulations. The regulations were reviewed and approved by physician groups in our state. I believe the regulations represent an important update and progressive view of the healthcare team. I anticipate that they will allow a much more thoughtfully regulated PA profession while clearly maintaining the supervising physician's role in physician-directed healthcare.

As a licensed and certified physician assistant, I urge the board to adopt these proposed changes so that I may better serve our patient population. My supervising physician and I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

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