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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman
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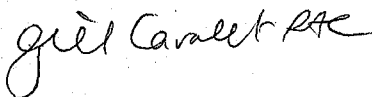
Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a Physician Assistant employed by Altoona Regional Health System and Saint Francis University. I practice under the supervision of Joseph Antonowicz, M.D. This letter is in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to Physician Assistants. The regulations of my profession will be updated and allow Physician Assistants to care for patients more effectively.

The proposed changes will streamline but not diminish supervision and allow physicians to make the best use of their PAs. The changes respond to the realities of clinical practice, and are similar to those adopted in other states.

I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes and I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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