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**Charles D. Hummer, Jr., MD, Chairman  
Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine  
PO Box 2649  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2649**

**Dear Dr. Hummer:**

**I have been actively practicing primary care in rural Pennsylvania since 1970. I have been closely working with and training physician assistants since 1976. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18 relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will modernize and streamline the collaborative care of the physician/physician assistant team.**

**I appreciate the Board's efforts in maintaining a progressive healthcare system. The revised regulations recognize the importance of physician supervision while permitting optimal use of valuable midlevel practitioners in the dynamic, resource constrained healthcare environment.**

**Thanking you for your consideration, I remain**

**Cordially,**



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Diplomate of The American Board of Family Medicine  
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