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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I have been working as a physician assistant in Pennsylvania for twenty-eight years. I am presently working under the supervision of Dr. Jan Hilliker in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Society of Physician Assistants has been working hard to update the state code as it pertains to the PA profession. I fully support the proposed changes to the Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, which have previously been approved by the medical board. I believe that these changes will allow for more effective control by the supervising physician and better care for the patient.

Proposed changes such as allowing the PA to prescribe newly-approved drugs which the supervising physician has chosen, instead of waiting 90 days, and giving the supervising doctor up to ten days to review and cosign charts, will allow the physician to make the best use of their PAs. The other changes are also moderate, but will be more in line with the reality of the position of the PA in modern medicine.

As these changes are reviewed by the legislature, the public, and finally by the medical board, I urge you to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,



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