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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., MD, Chairman  
Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine  
P.O. Box 2649  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am writing to you today in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18 relating to physician assistants and their regulatory restrictions. I have been practicing as a physician assistant in the Commonwealth for nine years, and the proposed changes would update the present regulation of my profession and allow me and my supervising physicians to care for our patients more effectively. It is my understanding that the proposed regulations are in the next phase of review by the legislator as well as further comment and final review by the medical board. While there are numerous changes slated, they would provide a moderate update of the PA regulations in the Commonwealth. I do believe that this would allow more efficient use of Pennsylvania PA's while not diminishing supervision. The changes also will allow some latitude of the PA-physician's role in communicating information during clinical practice. Ultimately, I do feel that these changes would be a positive change allowing PA's to provide patients with better access to care.

As a licensed practicing surgical physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I wish to thank the board for their present support and urge that the proposed changes be adopted. Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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