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

Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a Family Practice Physician Assistant working in an underserved rural population in Southwestern Pennsylvania. I practice under the supervision of Anneke S. Maendel MD.

This letter comes to emphasize my support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18 relating to physician assistant practice in Pennsylvania. These changes will update the regulation in such a way to improve the care of our patients. The proposed changes to regulations have been approved by the medical board as you are surely aware, which will be followed by legislative review, public comment, and final review by the medical board. In brief, these changes will allow continued supervision by the physician, yet enable a smooth and efficient use of the PA's.

Bottom line is that these changes will allow for improved patient care as we PA's and physicians alike continue to provide optimal care for our patients. It should be noted that these proposed changes are consistent with those adopted by other states. Having practiced in Pennsylvania for the past 10 years as a physician assistant, I urge the board to adopt these proposed changes.

With best regards,



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