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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman  
Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine  
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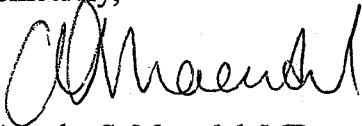
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Dear Dr. Hummer,

I'm writing to express my support to the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18 relating to physicians assistants. The proposed changes will allow me to continue adequate supervision of my physician assistant while caring for our patients more effectively. You will be aware of the proposed regulatory changes which have already been approved by the medical board as they reach the next step: Review by legislature, then public comment, and final review by the medical board. In brief, these changes will improve my ability to supervise my physician assistant and allow us to both provide better patient care.

The proposed revisions are in keeping with a progressive view of our state's health care system. Similar regulatory changes have already been adopted by other states and it is time Pennsylvania follows.

Sincerely,



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