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

I love being a Physician Assistant in Pennsylvania. I currently practice under the supervision of Dr. Mark M. Radziejewicz in Mountain Top, Pennsylvania.

I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. These proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow me and my supervising physician to care for patients more effectively.

As you are aware, the proposed regulations have previously been approved by the medical board. They now face the next step: review by the legislature, public comment and then final review by the medical board. These proposed changes will streamline, but not diminish supervision and allow physicians

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to make the best use of their physician assistants. In changing the length of time for chart review and relaying treatment information, they respond to the realities of clinical practice. Altering prescription regulations for PAs will give patients better access to appropriate treatments.

As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine to adopt these proposed changes. Thank-you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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