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November 18, 2005

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Dear Dr. Hummer,

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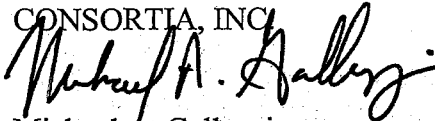
I am writing to you in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. I am currently the Administrator for a group of primary care clinics in rural North central Pennsylvania. We have utilized physician assistants for over twenty (20) years and have found them to be a valuable resource in the delivery of primary care to residents in this rural and medically underserved area. We currently employ three (3) physician assistants.

**Misty Valley
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I am in favor of the proposed changes to the PA regulations currently being considered by the Medical Board. These changes will allow for the physician supervising function to be completed in a more realistic manner and allow physician assistants to practice in a manner that would fully utilize their experience and training. The regulation will still stipulate appropriate supervision of the physician assistant by the physician supervisor. I believe that the proposed changes would not diminish this function.

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Thank you for considering these regulatory revisions. I urge the Board to give these proposed changes favorable consideration.

Sincerely yours,
KEYSTONE RURAL HEALTH
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