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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman
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Dear Dr. Hummer,

I am a physician who supervises two physician assistants, **Misty S Schmidt, PA-C and Carol L Pesek, PA-C, Brandywine Gastroenterology, in Coatesville PA.** I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code, Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of physician assistants and allow our team to care more effectively and efficiently for patients.

The proposed changes are a much needed update of PA regulation in Pennsylvania. They will streamline supervision without diminishing the physician's role in providing care, and allow physicians to make the best use of their PAs. I commend the Board's previous work and approval of these regulations. I anticipate that they will allow a much more thoughtfully regulated PA profession, while clearly maintaining the physician's role in physician-directed health care. As a licensed and practicing supervising physician in Pennsylvania, I strongly urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this very important matter.

Sincerely,


Frederic A. Meyers, M.D.