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Gerald S. Smith  
Board Counsel  
Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine  
P.O. Box 2649  
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Dear Mr. Smith:

I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. I am a physician supervisor of two physician assistants practicing at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh in the Department of Neurosurgery. The proposed changes will allow me and the physician assistants who work with me to more effectively provide care to our patients who are predominately children with special needs and chronic neurological problems.

The proposed regulations will remove barriers that exist in the present regulations relating to physician assistants. I urge the Board of Medicine to adopt the proposed changes which will increase efficiency and accessibility to care but not diminish supervision of physician assistants.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Tyler-Kabara, MD  
Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery