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Gerald S. Smith  
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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 my physician assistants 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 streamline but not diminish supervision of physician assistants.

Sincerely,

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Walter Dandy Professor of Neurological Surgery  
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