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

I am the supervising physician for Karen Tillotson, PA-C and, together, we practice in Edwardsville, Pennsylvania in the specialty of Neurology. We have worked together for over three years and through our association I have become familiar with the existing regulations that govern the scope of practice for Physician Assistants in our state. The current regulations do, unfortunately, contain limitations that impede optimal utilization of Physician Assistants, not only affecting supervising physicians, but more importantly, affecting patient access to treatment. A specific example, in our practice, is the prohibition of prescribing anticoagulants. This is why I am writing you today in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18 relating to Physician Assistants. The proposed changes will better allow us to care for our patients more effectively.

I understand the proposed changes are numerous, however I believe they will provide a much needed, and beneficial, revision of the Physician Assistant regulation in Pennsylvania. I commend the Board's attention to this matter and approval of these regulations.

As a licensed physician in Pennsylvania, I urge the board to adopt these proposed changes so that we may continue to provide high-quality care for our patients. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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