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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D.
Chairman
Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine
P.O. Box 2649
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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician who provides supervision for our physician assistant David Martin. We practice in Erie, Pennsylvania. I am writing to support the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18 relating to the practice of physician assistants. Hopefully this will allow the physician assistant to provide care to patients and also help make the care delivered more efficiently for the supervising physician. The prescription regulation changes seem to be reasonable. I think that input from the State Board of Pharmacy on that particular topic would be beneficial as well.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

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Rick A. Fornelli, M.D.

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