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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D.,
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PO Box 2649
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Dear Doctor Hummer:

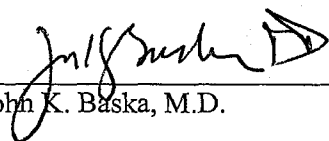
This is a letter from Beaver Internal Medicine Association, a six physician and two physician assistant Internal Medicine practice in Beaver, Pennsylvania. We are writing in support of the proposed changes to the Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of physician assistants and allow us to care for patients more effectively.

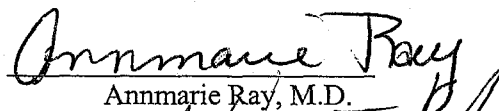
We have approximately 7000 active charts, and we see 800 to 1000 patients per week in our two offices. We receive 450 to 500 phone calls per day. The proposed changes will streamline supervision without diminishing the physicians' role in providing care and will allow us to make the best use of our physician assistants while responding to the realities of clinical practice. Altering the prescription regulations for physician assistants will give patients better access to appropriate treatments.

We commend the Board's previous work and approval of these regulations. They represent an important update and progressive view of the health care team. We anticipate that they will allow a much more thoughtfully regulated physician assistant profession while clearly maintaining the doctors' role in physician-directed health care.

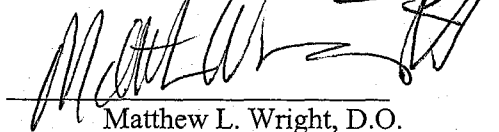
We urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration.

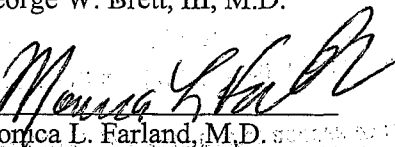
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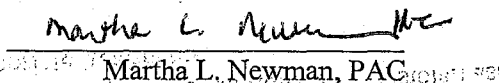

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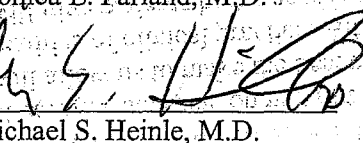

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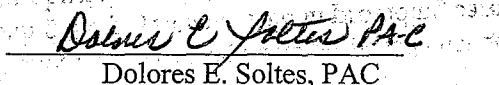

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