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Dear Dr. Hummer:

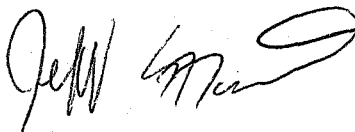
I am a physician assistant student at St. Francis University in Loretto, Pennsylvania. I am writing this letter in support of the proposed changes to the Pennsylvania code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow me and my supervising physician to better care for patients. The role of a PA in current medical practice has changed immensely over the last twelve years. Giving physician assistants a greater spectrum to practice is vital to providing better patient care

As you are well aware, the proposed regulations have previously been approved by the medical board. They are now facing the next step in the process: review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. While the proposed changes are numerous, they boil down to a moderate update of PA regulation in Pennsylvania.

The regulatory revisions represent a progressive view of the modern health care system. They are an appropriate blend of public protection and recognition of regulatory language that allows physicians to optimally and safely utilize PA's. The provisions represented in the regulations are well in line with language adopted in other states.

As a physician assistant student in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely



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