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

I am currently physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Izolda Lishansky at Temple University Hospital – Jeanes Campus in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I am writing **in support** of the proposed changes to 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 care for patients more effectively and efficiently.

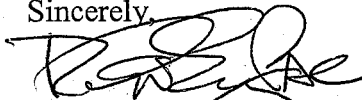
As you are well aware, the proposed regulations have previously been approved by the medical board. The proposed changes may seem numerous; however they are a moderate update of PA regulation in Pennsylvania. They will streamline but not diminish supervision and allow physicians to make the best use of their PAs. Here are just a few of the highlights:

- ‡ In changing the length of time for chart review and relaying treatment information, they respond to the realities of clinical practice.
- ‡ Altering the prescription regulations for *PAs will give patients better access to appropriate treatments.*

The regulatory revisions represent an appropriate blend of public protection and recognition of regulatory language that allows physicians to optimally and safely utilize PAs as well as a progressive view of the modern health care system. Furthermore, the provisions represented in the proposed regulations have already been adopted in other states.

As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, **I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes.** Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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