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Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman
Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine
P.O. Box 2649
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2649

Dear Dr. Hummer,

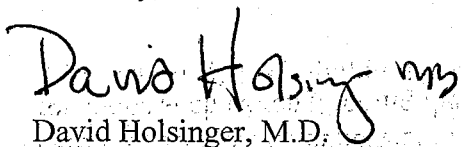
I am a physician who supervises Cara K. Fox, PA-C, and practices in Ebensburg, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, relating to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of physician assistants to reflect the state of our modern health care system. This will allow me and my physician assistant to provide more effective care to our patients.

The proposed changes will update the regulation of physician assistants. In doing so, this will improve physician supervision of physician assistants. The physician's role in the care of the patient will not be diminished but allow better use of their physician assistants and therefore provide quality care. I work in both the family practice setting as well as college health. I believe the provisions will improve my ability to provide both effective care for patients and supervision of my physician assistant. I believe such regulation revisions such as lengthening the time of chart review and relaying of treatment information will respond to the realities of our practice.

I commend the Board's previous approval of these regulations. Physician groups in our state have reviewed and approved these regulations. These changes allow improved regulation of the physician assistant profession while maintaining the importance of the physician's role of supervision in the delivery of health care.

As a licensed physician in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed changes. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


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