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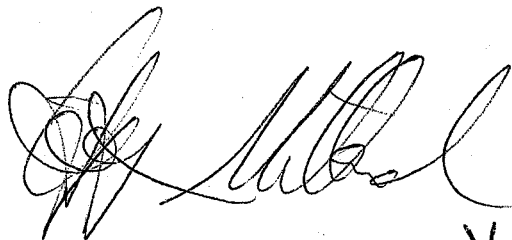
Dear Mr. Hummer,

I am a physician assistant student at Saint Francis University in Loretto, Pennsylvania. I am writing to support the proposed changes to Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, in relation to physician assistants. The changes will update the regulation of my future profession and allow me and my supervising physician to provide care for patients more efficiently.

The proposed regulations have been already approved by the medical board. The subsequent stage in the process includes review by the legislature, public comment, and final review by the medical board. There are numerous proposed changes but they have been compacted to a small number of updates to the PA regulation in Pennsylvania. These proposed changes will allow physicians to make the best use of PAs without reducing supervision. For example, changing the length of time chart review and relaying treatment information reflect the realities of clinical practice. Another example: changing prescription regulations for PAs will give patients better access to appropriate treatment.

The revisions reflect a progressive view of the modern health care system. They are an appropriate mixture of public protection and recognition of regulatory language that allows physicians to utilize PAs optimally and safely. The groundwork represented in the regulations are parallel with language adopted in other states.

As a physician assistant student in Pennsylvania, I urge the Board to adopt these proposed modifications. Thank you for you time and consideration.



Regards,
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