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Dear Dr. Hummer:

I am a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of Dr. Jeffrey Wolff in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. I am writing in support of the proposed changes to the Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 18, related to physician assistants. The proposed changes will update the regulation of my profession and allow for improved patient care.

The proposed changes have previously been approved by the medical board and the next step in the process is, of course, review by the legislature, public comment and final review by the medical board. Simply put, the proposed changes will streamline but, not lessen the supervision while allowing physicians to make better use of their physician assistants.

The regulatory revisions represent a progressive view of the modern health care system. The protective public will optimize the safe utilization of physician assistants. Provisions represented in the regulations are well within the regulatory language adopted by other progressive states.

As a licensed and practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I urge the board to adopt these proposed changes.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

David W. Patterson, MPA, PA-C

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