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I would like to formally state my opposition to the proposed changes in PA Code 255.5(b), Draft Rulemaking Regulation No. 10-186, regarding patient confidentiality. I do not believe that these changes will further enhance the already existent public stigma when it comes to the disease of addiction, will decrease access and the length of treatment, will cost treatment facilities more to comply with mandated releases, and will not benefit consumers of treatment services.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Craig Veith

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