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Dear Sirs,

I am a licensed dental hygienist in PA and have been for 15 years. I am writing to express my support for the changes in the dental hygiene regulations, published August 29, 2008. As a member of PDHA, since graduating from the HACC dental hygiene program and receiving licensure in the state of PA, I am thrilled to finally see the changes that we have been advocating for the last 10 or more years, finally come to pass! I know the proposed changes will provide greater access to dental care in the Commonwealth and allow our profession to better serve our patients. Perhaps the next step will be to appoint another hygienist to the State Board of Dentistry to better reflect the demographics of the ratio of dentists to dental hygienists in our state, allowing our profession to be better represented on the Board. Perhaps in doing so, the process to change a regulation, wouldn't take 10 or more years!

Thank you for your efforts and may we collectively move forward in improving the dental health of our states residents!

Sincerely,

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