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To whom it may concern at the Independent Regulatory Review Commission:

I am writing to express my support for the regulation changes for dental hygienists in PA. These changes in DH regulations include:

1. Administration of local anesthesia
2. Creation of a Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioner
3. Changes in Supervision (removal of ASA Classifications)
4. Change from direct to general supervision for radiographs
5. Three hours of continuing ed. in communication skills

As a practicing dental hygienist, I would like to see the following included in the revisions:

- **Revised wording for supervision of RDH in private practice:** "as determined by the dentist and the RDH after review of the patients' medical and dental history"
- **Inclusion of free health clinics** (like Community Volunteers in Medicine) as sites for Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioners to practice.

Thank you for all your support of our profession,  
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