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Dear Christopher Grovich,

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
REVIEW COMMISSION

I am sending this letter in hearty support of the changes in Dental Hygiene regulations which include:

1. Administration of local anesthesia by Registered Dental Hygienists
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. Allows for three hours of continuing ed. in communication skills for RDHs.

I have been a practicing RDH for 32 years and am pleased to realize that our wonderful Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is now catching up with the majority of other States in the USA that more fully utilize the training and skills Registered Dental Hygienists are quite capable to preform, as this will enhance and facilitate better Access to Care.

Additionally, I would join my colleagues in recommending the following:

- 1) 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"
- 2) Inclusion of free health clinics like Community Volunteers in Medicine as sites for Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioners to practice.

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