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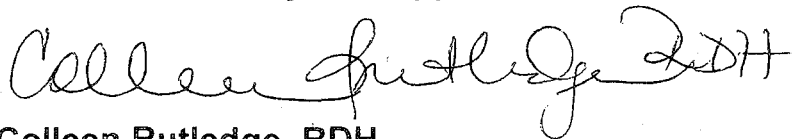
I am writing to express my support for the regulation changes for **dental hygienists** in PA. These changes in DH regulations include:

1. Administration of **local anesthesia** by 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. Three hours of continuing education in communication skills

As a practicing **dental hygienist**, I would like to see the following included in these 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,



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