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To Independent Regulatory Review Commission and State Board of Dentistry:

I am a registered dental hygienist practicing in the state of Pennsylvania and I support the proposed regulatory changes.

I was originally licensed as a RDH in California where our laws allow us to perform expanded duties such as local anesthesia. I can say from first hand experience that this enhances your career as a professional and enables hygienists to contribute more to the dental practice. General supervision for xrays and routine hygiene services will have a similar positive effect.

I also support the creation of a Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioner. The PHDHP will be a complimentary role to dentists in providing oral health care and education to underserved populations and will be an real asset to the community.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Courtney Yu, RDH, BS

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