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Dear Members of IRRC and Mr Grovich,

I am a dental hygienist with 35 years experience in private practice, in periodontal research at both the university level and commercial level, as well as teaching experience. I have served one term on the Pennsylvania State Board of Dentistry and have also taught at numerous universities including teaching the dental students at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. I am also editor in chief of an international professional dental journal published in Nova Scotia. I have an undergraduate degree from West Chester University, my Certificate in oral hygiene is from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine and my graduate degrees are in Philosophy. I am additionally credited with having written a section of the very first textbook on Dental Ethics.

I support the proposed regulations for dental hygienists. I thank you for supporting the team approach to dentistry and for supporting the highly esteemed profession of Dental Hygiene.

Perhaps the wording of the new regulations can include "free clinics" and "non-profit clinics". this would insure that low income patients of all categories can have the same access to care as those who may go to a traditional public health clinic.

I thank you for your consideration in this matter and I commend you on your support of the wonderful profession that I belong to and love.

With Professional Sincerity,
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