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Attached please find a letter in support of 49 PA CODE CH.33: Dental Hygiene Scope of Practice: Local Anesthesia

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To Whom It May Concern:

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My name is Mary Webber and I am a practicing full time dental hygienist in Allentown, Pennsylvania. I am writing you to express my support for the proposal of the new bill:

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**STATE BOARD
OF DENTISTRY
[49 PA. CODE CH. 33]
Dental Hygiene Scope of Practice; Local Anesthesia
[38 Pa.B. 4777]
[Saturday, August 30, 2008]**

I would like to also voice my support for the following additional changes to be made to the revised wording made within the context of this bill:

- Revised wording for supervision of RDH in private practice to extend general supervision to dental hygiene services to be performed within 1 year of an examination by a dentist, instead of the current standard of 90 days, and also allow the level of supervision to be determined by the dentist and the RDH after review of the patients medical and dental history.
- Changes to the current dental hygiene scope of practice regarding administration of anesthesia to include dental hygienists administration of local anesthesia under a permit issued by the Board, which would include local infiltration anesthesia and intraoral nerve block anesthesia.
- Finally, the definition of "public health dental hygiene practitioner" to be updated to include the inclusion of free health clinics like Community Volunteers in Medicine along with non-profit dental centers which focus on basic dental care for underserved and underinsured as sites for Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioners to practice.

Again, I would like to extend my support for the above proposal of the current legislation to the changes in the dental hygiene scope of practice and for your help and support in passing this law.

Thank you

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