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I am a dental hygiene student who was previously a dental assistant for fourteen years. I am in full support of the proposed regulation changes for dental hygienists in the state of Pennsylvania. I have had the privilege of working with hygienists who were extremely talented, dedicated, intelligent, and motivated. The education alone that a dental hygiene student must go through, to even be permitted to sit for the dental hygiene boards is exceptionally challenging, it would truly surprise most individuals. There is no doubt in my mind, that if a dental hygiene student can prove them self to be both academically and clinically competent, any of the proposed changes could without problems be accomplished by the dental hygienist.

Sincerely,  
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