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Dear Mr. Grovich:

I am a Harrisburg Area Community College student in the Dental Hygiene Program. I approve of the following changes in DH regulations:

- The administration of local anesthesia by Registered Dental Hygienists
- The creation of a Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioner
- A change in supervision: Dentist and Registered Dental Hygienist decide supervision needed
- A change from direct to general supervision for radiographs
- Allow for three hours of continuing education in communication skills for Registered Dental Hygienists

I also recommend the following:

- Revised wording for supervision of Registered Dental Hygienists in private practice to: "level of supervision will be determined by the dentist and the Registered Dental Hygienist after review of the patients' medical and dental history"
- Inclusion of free health clinics like Community Volunteers in Medicine along with Federally Qualified Health Center LOOK-A-LIKES and non-profit clinics as sites for Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioners to practice.

These regulations and changes are very important to practicing Registered Dental Hygienists and Student Dental Hygienists currently in school. It is these changes that we need in our field in order to serve the public with the best care they deserve.

Sincerely,

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