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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 the 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 board exams is so exceptionally challenging, that it would 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 regulation changes could without problems be accomplished by the dental hygienist.

Sincerely,
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