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September 24, 2008

Dear Mr. Grovich,

I am currently a dental hygiene student at Harrisburg Area Community College. I support the proposed changes in the DH regulations. It is important to note, that in addition to our other academic and clinical training, we will also be required to take a course in administering anesthesia. We students welcome this future opportunity.

Although I am in favor of the new regulations, I wish to express some of my thoughts about proposed rulemaking 49 PA. CODE CH. 33.

- Change the wording for supervision of Registered Dental Hygienists in private to read: "level of supervision will be determined by the dentist and the RDH after review of the patients' medical and dental history"
- Also the inclusion of free health clinics like Community Volunteers in Medicine and non- profit clinics such as locations for Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioners to practice.

Ultimately, these changes would benefit the patient. Preventative care, education, and reaching out to those in the community who need our care are just a few of our roles. As health care providers, the more people we are able to help, the better.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Victoria Root
Dental Hygiene Student