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RE: Pharmacy Internship regulations, #16A - 5424 IRRC No. 2963

Dear Members of the IRRC:

I am writing on behalf of Temple University School of Pharmacy. It is our pleasure to lend our support to the proposed changes to the Pharmacy Internship Regulations. We are particularly in favor of the decrease in intern hours required for licensure in Pennsylvania. This new set of regulations coincides with the changes in pharmacy curricula over past 15 years and recognizes the major shift in pharmacy education towards a significant increase in the experiential component where students work in pharmacy practice settings under the direct supervision of a pharmacist preceptor.

We commend the Pennsylvania State Board of Pharmacy for updating this regulation in recognition of the significant changes that have occurred in the education of pharmacy students.

Sincerely,

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