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Dear Chairman Bedwick,

I am writing to urge you and the Commission to support and approve regulation 16A-4633, Expansion of Practice Sites for the Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioners (PHDHP). As a practicing registered dental hygienist (RDH) in the public health realm I see daily the need for RDHs to be able to serve in access to care areas within the commonwealth. We have motivated health-care professionals in our state, as PHDHP's, who are willing to jump in and fight dental disease but the barriers to do so are great. Passing this regulation would open doors for us to join together to bring knowledge, education and health to our under-served populations. Passing this regulation would bridge the gap and allow PHDHP be the "first responders" and assist citizens in finding a dental home for continued treatment.

Therefore, I ask for your support in passing 16A-4633 Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioner Practice Sites as proposed.

Thank you for your consideration, together we can create a healthier Pennsylvania.

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