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Please allow me the opportunity to speak out regarding the above mentioned regulation currently being addressed by the PA MMJ Program. The mere fact that you are considering eliminating the Pharmacist or even considering having individuals covering several dispensaries as opposed to being at one dispensary permanently is completely unethical and not in the best interest of the patients that they serve. I'm a patient in the PA MMJ Program. I'm more grateful and thankful for my Pharmacist at the Ethos Dispensary located on Grant Avenue in Philadelphia. Her name is Sarah Hasinger. have been battling several different Gastrointestinal issues over the past decade. I'm 60 years old and have been suffering beyond what any human being should have to live like. I've had at least six major surgeries and other procedures somewhere in the teens. If you looked at me, you can see a five foot seven that barely weighs one hundred pounds. I'm in constant agony. I get my relief from using a variety of products available at the dispensary. She spoke with me briefly and we set up a consultation. She asked me quite a bit about my medical condition and what prescription medication I'm taking. She took the time to meticulously check for any drug interactions that may affect the use of certain products. It's crucial to have the Pharmacist available for providing the knowledge and care for all patients. She put together a list of what might benefit my medical needs. We discussed any possibility of any interactions before picking out any additional medications. She came up with basically a spreadsheet of what was available and how I could benefit from each medication. I took her recommendation for a couple of different items. I was fully educated and looking forward to trying her recommendations. I literally live by a feeding tube and she's got me feeling quite a bit of relief. I'm so grateful for what she's doing for me. She'll call me to follow up with me and that's so important. All patients deserve to have the knowledge of their Pharmacist at the dispensary. You are putting people at risk by eliminating or limiting the time the Pharmacist is available at each dispensary. I rely on the Pharmacist to help keep me safe and I can say with certainty that Sarah and all the other Pharmacists at my dispensary as well as other dispensaries are well educated, knowledgeable, compassionate and caring. **THE PHARMACIST SHOULD BE AVAILABLE AT YOUR DISPENSARY EVERY SINGLE DAY.** You don't get the kind of care from the medical profession. All they want to do is put you on more prescription medication which is toxic. The Pharmacist at my dispensary needs to be there for patients like myself and others at all times. **PLEASE DON'T ELIMINATE OR CHANGE THE PHARMACIST POSITION AT ANY DISPENSARY.** These people are a key to making the PA MMJ Program safe and effective program. Why would you put peoples lives in jeopardy? **PLEASE DON'T ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN.**