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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of Proposed Rulemaking 16-4955 in reference to the regulation of Physician Assistants (PAs) as it is currently written. The changes as proposed reflect the current need of our healthcare system to provide efficient care to Pennsylvanians, while preparing the regulatory system for future challenges. As I'm sure you are aware, PAs provide services that help to expand the reach of healthcare services to communities, including marginalized and rural communities. The changes proposed, in particular those in Sections 18.144, 18.151, 18.152, 18.154, and 18.161 allow PAs more capacity to serve patients by removing administrative barriers, without removing the critical relationship between PAs and supervising physicians. These changes modernize the PA - Physician - Patient relationship to fully allow patients to access the full capacity of the healthcare system. Thank you for your consideration.

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