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To Whom It May Concern,

Please see my letter in support of the Proposed Rulemaking 16-4955 in reference to Physician Assistants. The changes in these regulations will modernize the delivery of patient care by the Physician – PA teams in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

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House of Representatives Professional Licensure Committee

Subject: Support for Rule Making Package 16A-4955 - Implementation of Act 79 of 2021 for Physician Assistants

Dear Majority Chairman Frank Burns,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for Rule Making Package 16A-4955, which aims to implement the regulations outlined in Act 79 of 2021. As a Physician Assistant and Chairman of Advanced Practice at St. Luke's University Health Network, I understand the significance of modernizing the Medical Practice Act for Physician Assistants (PAs) working under the State Board of Medicine.

Act 79 of 2021 represents a crucial step forward in aligning regulations with the evolving landscape of healthcare, particularly in recognizing the valuable contributions of Physician Assistants. The proposed rulemaking package not only reflects the spirit of the legislative changes but also provides a framework for the effective implementation of these regulations.

Physician Assistants play an integral role in delivering quality healthcare services, and Act 79 acknowledges their expertise, allowing them to practice to the full extent of their education and training. The proposed rules encapsulated in Package 16A-4955 will further clarify the expectations, responsibilities, and scope of practice for PAs, ensuring consistency and clarity in their professional roles.

I commend the House of Representatives Professional Licensure Committee for their thorough review of this rule-making package. The collaborative efforts to enhance the regulatory environment for Physician Assistants will <u>undoubtedly contribute to improved patient care</u>, <u>streamlined healthcare delivery</u>, and the <u>overall advancement of the medical profession</u>.

Please consider this letter as my **formal endorsement of Rule Making Package 16A-4955, and I encourage the committee's continued support for the implementation of Act 79**. If there is any additional information or support required from my end, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I appreciate your dedication to promoting the highest standards in healthcare.

Sincerely, Jared B. Zavilla, PA-C