Dear Rep Swanger:

I wanted to personally thank you for your efforts in passing HB369 to prohibit the use of tanning beds in minors under age 18 years. As a physician assistant working in dermatology over the past 10 years in the Pittsburgh and Washington areas in the state of Pennsylvania, I have personally witnessed the direct correlation of tanning bed use and the increase in the development of melanoma. It is very important to protect minors against this carcinogen.

As President of the Pennsylvania Dermatology Physician Assistant (PDPA) society, I have emailed all the members and asked them to write to their legislature in support of this bill.

I will continue to work towards ways of additional support of this bill.

Good Luck and again thank you for your hard work and efforts.

Sincerely, Jil Swanson

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