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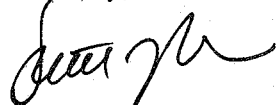
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RE: Proposed regulations for PAs supervised by an Osteopathic Physician

To whom it concerns:

The purpose of this letter is to show support for the proposed Osteopathic prescribing regulations for physicians assistants. I stress that when the proposed regulations are approved they must be worded exactly the same as the allopathic regulations to avoid confusion in clinical practice. I have never understood why allopathic PAs have been able to safely prescribe for years but osteopathic PAs have not been allowed. Osteopathic physicians should be given the same ability to delegate prescriptive authority to our PA's as our MD colleagues. Because PAs work closely with their supervising physicians patient safety is ensured. Osteopathic physicians as well as hospitals will benefit from the new proposed regulations because all Osteopathic doctors will finally be allowed to practice medicine to our full extent by reducing waiting times, increasing availability of appointments and allowing physicians to focus on more complicated cases. Hospitals will be more likely to hire Osteopathic Physicians if they are able to supervise PAs with delegated prescriptive authority. Finally, I believe I should be able to decide whether my PA will prescribe or not and what drugs I will allow them to prescribe. I believe the Osteopathic Board will do the right thing and agree to the proposed regulations and finally allow myself and all my Osteopathic colleagues to practice medicine the way we have always wanted (to our fullest ability), in the state of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,



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