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Dear Charles P. Pasano, D.O.,

I am writing to express my support of the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for physician assistants. Physician assistants have been safely prescribing under the supervision of allopathic physicians for a number of years. I feel osteopathic physicians should be given the same ability to delegate prescriptive authority to their physician assistants as their allopathic colleagues.

The new regulations will improve access to care, as physician assistants who are currently supervised by osteopathic physicians will now be able to practice to the full extent of their training. By passing these regulations, osteopathic physicians will be more likely to hire a physician assistant, as they will be given prescriptive authority. This will in turn remove some barriers to care by reducing waiting times, increasing availability of appointments, and allowing the physician time to focus on more complicated cases. Also hospitals and practices will be more likely to hire osteopathic physicians if they are able to supervise physician assistants with delegated prescriptive authority. The osteopathic prescribing regulations should be worded exactly the same as the allopathic regulations to avoid any confusion in clinical practice. These regulations will allow the individual physician to decide if his/her physician assistants will prescribe and also what drugs the physician assistant will be permitted to prescribe.

Again, physician assistants have been prescribing successfully under the supervision of allopathic physicians for years. I feel that by passing the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for physician assistants, the physician-physician assistant team will work more efficiently together to provide quality healthcare.

Sincerely,

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