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Dear Dr. Fasano:

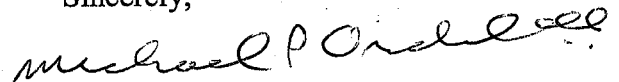
I am an osteopathic physician working in a large rural health clinic in Western Pennsylvania and have employed the same physician assistant for the past 17 years. We have a very busy practice and are often hampered by her need to wait for my signature on prescriptions.

I strongly support the prescribing regulations with the same wording as the allopathic regulations. This would avoid confusion in dealing with the local pharmacist and our substitute allopathic physicians who often work with me.

I feel that osteopathic physicians should be given the same ability to delegate prescriptive authority to their physician assistants as their M. D. colleagues. Physician assistants are an integral part of the health care system and prescriptive authority would remove barriers to patient care.

I strongly urge you to support this regulation. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Michael P. Ondich, D.O.

Cc: Basil L. Merenda
Governor Edward G. Rendell