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Charles P. Fasano, D.O.
Chairman, Osteopathic Board of Medicine
P.O. Box 2649
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Dear Dr. Fasano:

I have been a practicing physician assistant for 28 years, the last 17 of which have been with an osteopathic physician. We provide patient care in a large rural health community. Although we try to provide quality health care with minimal waiting times, often this is hampered by the need to wait for the supervising physician's signature on prescriptions.

Physician assistants, under the supervision of allopathic physicians, have been safely prescribing medications for a number of years. I strongly feel that osteopathic physicians should have the same ability to delegate prescriptive authority to their physician assistants. This would improve the delivery of quality health care.

I strongly urge you to support this legislation with the same wording as in the allopathic regulations. This will avoid confusion in clinical practice. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Mary Kay Palilla PA-C
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cc: Basil L. Merenda
Governor Edward G. Rendell