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Dear Dr. Fasano,

I am writing this letter to voice my support for the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for Physician Assistants. I am a practicing Physician Assistant in Pennsylvania. I am supervised by an allopathic physician; however, the proposed osteopathic regulations are still very much a priority for me. As a Physician Assistant, patient access to care is a concern for me, particularly in light of the health care crisis our country faces. Physician Assistants provide proven quality healthcare to the residents of Pennsylvania. Approving these regulations will remove barriers to health care for even more Pennsylvanians by reducing waiting times, increasing the availability of appointments, and allowing physicians to focus on more complicated cases.

Physician Assistants have been safely prescribing under the supervision of allopathic physicians for years. With the passage of the osteopathic regulations, the individual physician will decide whether his/her Physician Assistant will prescribe and what drugs the Physician Assistant will be able to prescribe. This will give osteopathic physicians the same authority to delegate prescriptive privileges to Physician Assistants as their allopathic counterparts have done for years.

As many practices and hospitals have a mix of osteopathic and allopathic physicians, it is imperative that the osteopathic regulations be *exactly* the same as the already existing allopathic regulations in order to avoid confusion in day to day clinical practice.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I am certain you will see the great benefit these regulations will provide to access to health care for all Pennsylvanians.

Sincerely,



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cc: Basil Merenda, Commissioner, Bureau of Professional & Occupational Affairs  
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