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Dear Chairman Fasano:

I am writing to you in support of the regulations that would allow osteopathic physicians to delegate prescriptive authority to physician assistants as allopathic physicians do now. Although osteopathic physicians are regulated by a different board, I believe they should have the ability to delegate the same prescriptive privileges to their PA's as their M.D. colleagues do now and have done for a number of years.

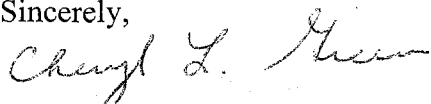
As a past president of the Pennsylvania Society of Physician Assistants at the time these same regulations were being debated for PA's working with M.D.'s, I believe the same issues are germane for discussion.

PA's receive the same training whether they are supervised by a D.O. or an M.D. Many practices now employ all three professionals. PA's have been safely prescribing for many years with the supervision of M.D.'s and there is no evidence that this would be different if the supervisor were a D.O. PA's always work with physician supervision to ensure the highest level of patient safety. Access to care will be improved because PA's supervised by D.O.'s will be able to practice to the full extent of their training and ability.

I believe the regulations should be worded exactly the same as the allopathic regulations to avoid any confusion in clinical practice, especially considering my previous point that many practices now employ all three professionals. Each physician should decide whether their PA will prescribe and what they may prescribe.

Thank you for your consideration and I hope the regulations are passed in an appropriate form and timely manner.

Sincerely,



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cc: Basil L. Merenda, Commissioner, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs
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