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Dear Dr. Fasano,

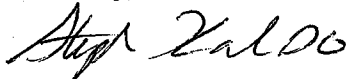
I am writing to you regarding the proposed regulations that would allow Physician Assistants to prescribe under Osteopathic Physicians. Currently I have a Physician Assistant, Lisa Ferguson, working with me at my practice. Prior to her joining my practice she was working with an Allopathic doctor and had privileges to write her own prescriptions.

Physician Assistants have been safely prescribing under the supervision of allopathic (MD) physicians for years. I am requesting that Osteopathic Physicians (DO) should be given the same ability to delegate prescriptive authority to their PAs as their MD colleagues. I fully support the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for physician assistants. These regulations should be worded exactly the same as the allopathic (MD) regulations to avoid any confusion in clinical practice. With the passage of these regulations patient access to care will be greatly improved by reducing waiting times, increased availability of appointments, and this will allow physicians to focus on more complicated cases. I also understand that as the supervising physician I will ultimately decide whether my PA will prescribe (or not) and also what medications the PA will be permitted to prescribe.

I strongly urge you to pass the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for physician assistants.

Thank you for considering this proposal.

Sincerely,



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