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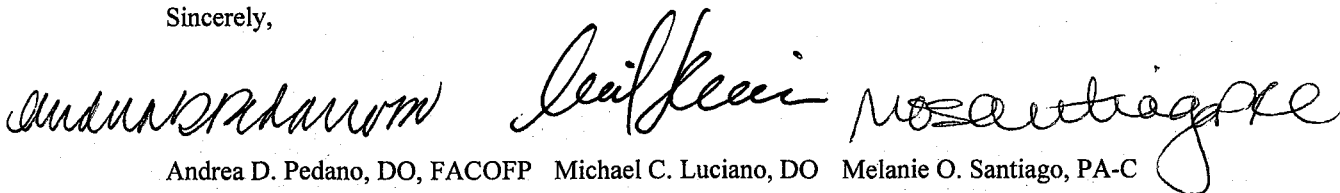
Dear Dr. Fasano:

We are writing in support of the proposed new regulations which permit osteopathic physicians in Pennsylvania to delegate prescriptive writing privileges to the physician assistants with whom they supervise. Our practice employs Melanie Santiago, PA-C and she is supervised by Andrea D. Pedano, DO and Michael Luciano, DO. We have a busy family practice in Philadelphia and the proposed changes will allow us to provide care to our patients more effectively.

The proposed regulations, which mirror those approved by the allopathic medical board, would enable osteopathic physicians to use consciences integrity in the delegation of prescription privileges to their PAs. We do not intend in any way to reassign the responsibility of the care of our patients. Rather, we acknowledge that these new regulations would enable us to more fully utilize the team dynamic which is inherent in the Physician-PA relationship while maintaining the supervision of the PA by the Physician.

We urge you to consider delegating prescribing privileges for physician assistants under osteopathic physicians just as your allopathic colleagues have already done. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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