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Dr. Fasano,

I am writing to support proposed Osteopathic prescribing regulations for physician assistants. I believe they should be identical to the Allopathic Regulations to avoid confusion. By allowing osteopathic physician assistants to practice with the same prescriptive authority as allowed by the Allopathic Physicians, D.O.'s will be able to practice more effectively and increase patient access to care. Physician assistants practice with physician supervision and allopathic physician assistants have provided safe and effective care and prescription for years. Individual physicians retain the right to determine whether his or her physician assistant will prescribe and what medications they can prescribe.

In conclusion, I believe that implementing the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulation would expand patient access to care and provide the opportunity for D.O.s to practice more effectively.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mark McConnell, PA-C

Cc: Basil L. Merenda  
Governor Edward G. Rendell