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INDEPENDENT REQULATORY REVIEW CONVINSION

October 27, 2007 Charles P. Fasano, D.O. Chairman, Osteopathic Board of Medicine P.O. Box 2649 Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

Dear Dr. Fasano

I was pleased to recently hear that the proposed regulations for delegated prescriptive authority for physician assistants were published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. I have employed a physician assistant for nearly four years and this is a welcomed reform. My allopathic colleagues have worked safely with PAs with prescriptive authority for years.

You can rest assured that such privileges will not be taken lightly. My PA and I work as a team and she is well trained to know her limits and come to me with concerns or questions. I have no doubt that she possesses the education needed to prescribe appropriately. We will carefully review the drug formulary to choose only those medications that are within her scope of practice and my comfort level.

I hope that you will continue to work to see these regulations mirror those of the allopathic board, as we have already seen their success, and that they are passed in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

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