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Charles P. Fasano, D.O.  
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Dear Dr. Fasano:

This letter is to convey my support of the proposed changes regarding Physician Assistant (PA) prescriptive privileges in Pennsylvania. PA's have had prescriptive authority under the allopathic board for many years and have prescribed safely. It is wise to have the regulations of the osteopathic board and the allopathic board the same, as PA's are trained the same, whether they are supervised by an MD or a DO.

Having a PA in my practice has allowed my patients better access to care. Enhancing the PA's regulations by adding prescriptive privileges will make the PA even more valuable and help to avoid patients' waiting time to get their necessary medications.

It is my hope that the board approves the proposed changes for Physician Assistants, so that they can practice to the full extent of their training.

Sincerely,

  
Mark L. Stabile, Jr., D.O.  
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cc: Basil L. Merenda, Commissioner, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs  
Governor Edward G. Rendell

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