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Charles P. Fasano, Chairman
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Dear Dr. Fasano,

I am writing to support the proposed regulations for delegated prescriptive privileges for physician assistants. I am an osteopathic orthopedic surgeon in rural Pennsylvania. For years, we as osteopaths, have been held at a disadvantage to our allopathic counterparts due to the inability to delegate prescriptive privileges to our physician assistants. When I serve as an alternate supervisor for physician assistants, I am unable to delegate prescriptive authority to them, which they normally do. By physician passing these proposed regulations, it will allow each osteopathic physician to decide if his physician assistant should be allowed to prescribe. We have not been given that authority. Physician assistants are well qualified healthcare practitioners who have already been prescribing under the allopathic regulations for years. I also think that the regulations should mirror those of our allopathic colleagues as to prevent confusion in DO/MD practices.

Thank you for finally promulgating regulations that have been long anticipated.

Sincerely,


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CC: Basil Merenda
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