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Charles P. Fasano, Chairman  
Osteopathic Board of Medicine  
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Dear Dr. Fasano,

I am writing in support of the proposed prescription regulations for physician assistants. Physician assistants are well qualified individuals who have been prescribing, under supervision, for years under the allopathic board. I would suggest that the regulations mirror the allopathic regulations to avoid confusion.

Who is more qualified to determine whether physician assistants should prescribe but the physicians who work with them on a daily basis? I do not think they should be given "free reign" to prescribe, but I think we, as physician supervisors, should be able to delegate that duty to them as described in our work agreements. These new regulations will parallel the Governor's vision for making healthcare more accessible to residents in the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

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