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Dear Dr. Fasano,

I am writing in support of the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for physician assistants. I am a practicing physician assistant and have been safely prescribing under the supervision of allopathic physicians for many years. This has allowed me to work to the full extent of my abilities and training and has allowed my supervising physician to concentrate on more complicated cases. I believe it has also reduced patient waiting times and increased availability of appointments for the patients.

In my 22 years of experience my supervising physicians have always made the decisions on my individual prescribing rights and on what drugs I would be allowed to prescribe. This follows the traditional physician/PA model that has been followed for years and which has worked extremely well for many years.

I feel strongly that physician assistants working for osteopathic physicians should be given the same prescription rights as those working for allopathic physicians. In order for this to occur it is important that the regulations be worded exactly the same as the allopathic regulations in order to avoid any confusion in practice. Again, I support the prescribing regulations and hope to see them passed very soon.

Sincerely,


Tina Caiazzo PA-C

Cc: Basil L. Merenda, Governor Edward G. Rendell