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Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am an employee of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and I am writing to you to express my support of the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for physician assistants. These regulations should be worded exactly the same as the allopathic regulations to avoid any type of confusion within a clinical practice.

As PA's have already been safely prescribing under the supervision of allopathic physicians for years, I strongly believe that osteopathic physicians should be given the same ability as their MD colleagues to delegate prescriptive authority to a physician assistant. Access to care for patients will be improved because of a DO supervising the physician assistant with any script written within the office and hospital setting. This will in turn remove barriers to care due to reduced waiting times, increased availability of appointment times and will allow the DO time to focus on more complicated patient issues. The DO physician will decide whether his/her PA will prescribe (or not) and also determine what drugs the PA will be permitted to prescribe to their patients.

I hope that you will agree that osteopathic physicians should have the same ability to delegate prescriptive authority to their PA's as their MD colleagues.

Sincerely,

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