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Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am writing to you in support of the proposed
osteopathic prescribing regulations for physician assistants.

These regulations should be worded exactly the same as the
allopathic regulations in order to avoid any confusion in
clinical practice. PAs work with physician supervision
to ensure patient safety and access to care will be
improved because the PAs who are currently supervised by
DOs will be able to practice to the full extent of their
training.

As we near graduation and are beginning to look for
jobs, osteopathic physicians may be more likely to hire a
PA when they are given prescriptive authority. This will in
turn remove some barriers to care due to reduced waiting
times, increased availability of appointments and allow
the physician time to focus on more complicated cases.

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