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Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am writing in support of the proposed regulations to allow osteopathic physicians to delegate prescriptive authority to physician assistants. I am an osteopathic family physician in practice for 17 years in Delaware County, PA.

I was very encouraged to learn that the Osteopathic Board is considering this much needed change to the regulations. For the last several years, I have employed physician assistants. Physician assistants have been an integral part of our team. They have allowed us to expand the delivery of primary health care to our community. The Board's approval of this change would allow our family practice to operate more efficiently and effectively without compromising patient care. Based on my experience working with PAs, I am very satisfied with their level of clinical knowledge and communication skills. Patients have also been very responsive to receiving care from PAs. Therefore, I have no hesitation in delegating prescriptive authority, if allowed to do so by through the proposed regulations.

My understanding is that PAs who practice under the allopathic board have been prescribing safely for years. I hope that this track record, along with the experiences of my osteopathic colleagues who employ PAs, will enable this change to our regulations. Supporting this change is a win for osteopathic physicians, physician assistants, and more importantly for patients. Therefore, I respectfully ask that the Board approve the proposed changes by using wording that mirrors the allopathic regulations. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,


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cc: Basil L. Merenda, Commissioner,
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