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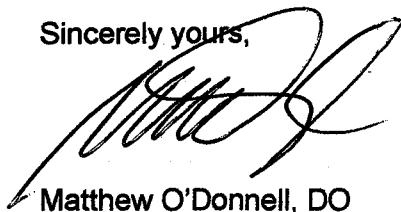
Dear Dr. Fasano:

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 four years in Delaware County, PA.

For the last year, I have had the pleasure of working with a physician assistant. She has been an integral part of our team, allowing Dr. Ingram and myself to see the more complicated cases. We have confidence in the training she has received to provide patient care within her scope of practice and to know when to confer with us on more difficult cases. Also, our patients respond favorably to being treated by PAs.

It is my understanding 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 proposal 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,



Matthew O'Donnell, DO

cc: Basil L. Merenda, Commissioner,
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