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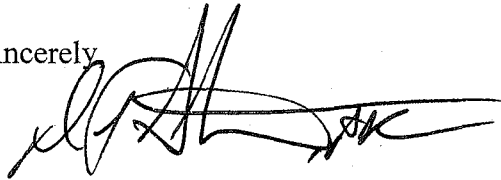
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Dear Dr. Fasano,

I am writing you in regards to allowing for prescriptive privileges for physician assistants under the osteopathic board. I have had the pleasure of working with osteopathic physicians since I have started my career in emergency medicine. Infact, I am married to an osteopathic physician. I believe that allowing us to have prescriptive privileges as outlined would provide the patients that I see better and quicker services. Each patient that I see that requires a prescription, even as simple as ibuprofen, requires me to find the physician or interrupt him from what they are doing to sign. This takes time away from the patient and others that are awaiting care. It sounds simple, but throughout a twelve hour shift in a busy ED, it becomes time consuming. As a physician assistant I am a patient advocate and look for any avenue to advance patient care.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to consider this very important patient care aspect.

Sincerely



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