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Dear Dr. Fasano,

I am writing in support of the regulations proposed by Pennsylvania's Osteopathic Board of Medicine to allow osteopathic physicians to delegate prescriptions to the physician assistants they supervise. Physician assistants working under the supervision of allopathic physicians were given this privilege years ago and have been prescribing safely since then. Training for physician assistants is the same regardless of whether they will work under the supervision of an osteopathic or allopathic physician. Therefore, all physician assistants should have the same regulations and delegated prescriptive authority. If these regulations are passed, more practices in Pennsylvania may hire a PA, leading to improved access to quality care for all Pennsylvania residents. Osteopathic physicians will also be more valuable to patients, hospitals, and practices if they are able to supervise physician assistants with delegated prescription authority.

As a student, I feel that these regulations would be an incentive for well-educated Pennsylvania students, myself included, to practice in the state rather than leave for better opportunities.

Sincerely,



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