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Dear Doctor Fasano:

I am writing to express my support of the proposed changes to the osteopathic prescribing regulations. I feel strongly that these new regulations should be worded exactly the same as the allopathic regulations to avoid any confusion in clinical practice. Physician Assistants have been safely prescribing under the supervision of the allopathic physicians for years, and I see no reason why D.O.'s should not have the same ability to delegate prescriptive authority to PAs. This will undoubtedly improve the access to care, allowing PAs to practice to the full extent of their training. Hospitals and offices will be more likely to hire a DO when they have this prescriptive authority. This will in turn remove some barriers to care due to reduced waiting times, and increased availability of appointments. The individual doctor should be free to decide whether his/her PA will prescribe and also what drugs the PA will be permitted to prescribe.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



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