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Dear Dr. Fasano,

I am writing to you in regards to the development of regulations allowing physician assistants to prescribe under osteopathic physicians. Currently, PAs are able to safely prescribe under the supervision of allopathic physicians. D.O.s should be able to utilize PAs in this manner as well. These regulations will help D.O.s by allowing them to access more patients in a more efficient manner. PAs will be more valuable to D.O.s and therefore more likely to be hired in an osteopathic practice. This would increase the number of jobs available to PAs in Pennsylvania, and as a current student in this field, I would be more likely to remain in the state and practice if more job opportunities were available. I think it is important to remember that physician assistants receive the same training whether they are under the supervision of an M.D. or a D.O. For this reason I believe that PAs should have prescriptive authority under osteopathic physicians and that these regulations should be worded exactly the same as the current allopathic regulations.

Sincerely,



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