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Dear Dr. Fasano:

My name is Aaron Adler and I am a Physician Assistant Student at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine Class of 2009, writing on behalf of the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for Physician Assistants. For a number of years now Physician Assistants have been safely and effectively prescribing medications under the supervision of allopathic physicians. The relationship between the M.D. and the P.A. has proven to be both efficient and effective; enabling both Allopathic Physicians and Physician Assistants to provide more comprehensive care to the public. It is important that Osteopathic Physicians have the same authority as Allopathic Physicians not for professional status, but for the care and consideration of the patients. Allowing Osteopathic Physicians to delegate prescriptive authority to Physician Assistants will help to remove barriers to health care, for instance reduced waiting times, increased availability of appointments, and enabling the physician to focus on more complex cases. It also promotes equal opportunity for Physician Assistants as employees to practice to the full extent of their training, as well as for Osteopathic Physicians to have the same opportunities as Allopathic Physicians as an employer. For these reasons and many more that have not been addressed, it is important that Osteopathic Physicians be given the ability to determine whether or not Physician Assistants working with them are able to prescribe medications. In the end this will only help health professionals provide more effective, efficient and comprehensive health care to all individuals.

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