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Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am currently a physician assistant student and I support the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for physician assistants. I believe osteopathic physicians should be given the same ability to delegate prescriptive authority to their PA's as do medical doctors. Therefore, these prescription regulations should be worded exactly the same as the M.D.'s regulations to ensure there is no chance of confusion in the clinical practice. Also, PA's have been prescribing safely under the supervision of medical doctors for many years, and have done so in a synergistic relationship to ensure patient safety.

These regulations may also encourage the hiring of D.O.'s and PA's in the state of Pennsylvania if the D.O. can supervise PA's with delegated prescriptive authority. Our state will absolutely benefit from the increase of D.O.'s and PA's in the health care system with such outcomes as reduced waiting times, increased availability of appointments, and more focused time of both the PA and D.O. to help treat their patients. These proposed regulations are a "win, win" for the entire health care community.

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