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Dear Dr. Fasano,


Please consider this a strong letter of support for the proposed Osteopathic prescribing regulations for Physician Assistants coming before the Board.

I have trained and worked closely with PA's since 1988. It has always been confusing in clinical practice to work within two sets of guidelines for prescriptive power of the PA's. Osteopathic and Allopathic guidelines should be the same.

As a Pediatrician, I have found PA's to be an invaluable asset in the delivery of quality and effective Pediatric care. With two sets of guidelines for writing prescriptions, it has been confusing for many primary care physicians, many of whom have turned away from hiring PA's, such that the delivery of quality care to a greater number of eligible patients has been impacted. Having served my entire career in an urban area where the needs are the greatest, more highly qualified PA's with individual prescriptive writing ability are required.

The supervising Physician should always have the final say in the specific qualitative and quantitative aspects of drug prescription, but I sincerely believe that having one set of regulations for the PA's will enhance and complement patient care in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Basil Merenda, Commissioner, Bureau Professional and Occupational Affairs
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