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Charles P. Fasano, D.O.  
Chairman, Osteopathic Board of Medicine  
P.O. Box 2649  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am writing in support of the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulation for Physician Assistants.

As you are well aware the PA's in the state of Pennsylvania have been safely prescribing under the supervision of allopathic physicians for many years. Osteopathic physician should be given the same ability to delegate prescriptive authority to their PA's. Access to health care in our state will be improved because the PA's who are currently supervised by the DO's will be able to practice to the full extent of their training and capabilities.

I strongly feel that the law should be worded exactly the same as the allopathic regulation to avoid any confusion.

Again I urge you to support these changes.

Sincerely,



Robert McGrath, D.O.  
PHS Regional Medical Director

CC: Governor Edward G. Rendell  
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