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Charles P. Fasano, D.O.  
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Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am writing in strong support of the proposed Osteopathic Prescribing Regulation for Physician Assistants.

I served twenty-seven years in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. I worked with and supervised many physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants over the course of that career. I understand the importance of supervisory responsibilities. I presently serve as the Medical Director at a clinic essentially dedicated to serving the poor and uninsured. Access to care will be improved under the proposed regulation. The present disparity between Osteopathic and allopathic regulations causes confusion and is interpreted as a negative reflection on our profession. I can confirm from personal experience that job opportunities for Osteopathic physicians would be enhanced by adopting the proposed regulations so that they are identical for Osteopathic and allopathic physicians.

I have worked with many fine physician assistants during my career. Proper physician supervision is essential. I strongly support the proposed Osteopathic Prescribing Regulation for Physician Assistants.

Sincerely,

Louis A. Hieb, D.O.  
Medical Director

cc: Governor Edward G. Rendell  
✓Basil L. Merenda, Commissioner, Bureau of Professional & Occupational Affairs