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Dear Dr. Charles Fasano,

I am currently a student in a physician assistant program, and although this is all still very new to me and does not immediately affect me right now, I support the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations and feel it should be worded the exact same as the allopathic regulations.

As a resident of Pennsylvania, it is important to me that physician assistants have every opportunity to provide effective and efficient care to patients no matter what degree their attending may have. In my understanding, PA's have been safely prescribing under the supervision of allopathic physicians for years, and to me as a patient and upcoming PA, DO's should be given the same opportunities to delegate prescriptive authority to their PA's as their MD colleagues. This would help PA's to be hired in Pennsylvania as well as allow them to practice to the full extent of their training. More importantly, this would increase the patients' access to care and decrease their waiting time, increase the availability of appointments, and allow the physician time to focus on the more complicated cases.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Meghan Baker PA-S

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