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

INDEPENDENT RECULATORY REVIEW CONSISSION

Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am writing this letter as a fourth year physician assistant student at Gannon University in Erie, PA, in support of prescription privileges for physician assistants (PAs) working under osteopathic physicians (DOs) that mirror the allopathic regulations.

Over the years PAs have been safe and effective practitioners while prescribing under the supervision of allopathic physicians (MDs). With the ability to delegate duties to a PA, DOs can increase and improve patient access to care.

As a student, I try to be aware of the job market situation in my area. The unique location of Erie gives students easy access to clinical rotations in Ohio and New York, as well as Pennsylvania. Granting prescription privileges to PAs supervised by DOs will increase job opportunities and entice new graduates to stay in Pennsylvania.

The recently proposed regulations can be a win-win situation for both DOs and PAs. Please support prescription privileges for PAs working under DOs.

Sincerely,

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