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Basil L. Merenda, Commissioner  
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Dear Mr. Merenda,

I am writing in support of the proposed change in regulations for delegated prescriptive authority for physician assistants under the supervision of osteopathic physicians. This is a long overdue and much needed change that needs to be implemented as soon as possible. I have been an osteopathic family physician for 22 years and have worked with physician's assistants for most of that period of time. We need this proposed change in osteopathic prescribing regulations for our physician assistants. The changes should be exactly the same as the allopathic regulations to avoid confusion in clinical practice. Our PAs have been safely prescribing under the supervision of allopathic physicians for many years and we should be given the same ability to delegate prescriptive authority as our MD colleagues. Please remember that PAs work under our supervision to ensure patient safety and by allowing them prescriptive authority, they will be able to practice to the full extent of their training.

I sincerely hope you act quickly to make this change.

Sincerely yours,



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