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Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am writing concerning the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for physician assistants. I am in strong support of the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for physician assistants. I believe that these regulations should match as closely as possible to the current allopathic regulations to avoid confusion in clinical practice. Physician assistants have been safely prescribing medications under the supervision of allopathic physicians for years and I believe this will help the osteopathic profession to allow physician assistants to prescribe under osteopathic supervising physicians. Hospitals will be more inclined to hire osteopathic physicians if they can supervise physician assistants since there has been an increasing need to extend access of care. Osteopathic physicians in private practice will also have more options available to them to help provide care for their patients if they are able to delegate prescriptive authority to a physician assistant. Again, I am strongly in favor of passing regulations to allow prescriptive authority to be delegated to physician assistants by osteopathic supervising physicians.

Thank you for your consideration of this subject.

Sincerely,



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