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Dear Dr. Fasano:

My name is Richard J. Berger, D.O. I am a Board Certified Family Physician practicing in the Philadelphia region. I have provided primary health care in the region for 12 years. I graduated from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1993.

I am writing to you to please consider a change in the future practice potential in the state of Pennsylvania. I am asking that you please express and present my support to allow physician assistants (PAs) the rights to prescribing medications under organized and supervised clinical settings and conditions. Due to changing practice patterns and restraints having PAs available in practice settings and maximizing their help potential can and would greatly improve patient care. The access to care will be improved because the PAs who are currently supervised by DO's will be able to practice to the full extent of their training. Also osteopathic physicians may be more likely to hire a PA when they are given prescriptive authority. This will in turn remove some barriers to care due to reduce waiting times, increased availability of appointments, allow the physician time to focus on more complicated cases.

Please consider allowing physician assistants the ability to prescribe medications under close surveillance by osteopathic physicians in the state of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

Dr. Richard Berger, D.O.

Dr. Joseph Pongonis, D.O.

cc: Basil L. Merenda
Governor Edward G. Rendell

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