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Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am the President of Orthopedic Associates of Meadville and the only osteopathic surgeon in my practice.

Our practice is large and incorporates numerous physician assistants in an effort to serve our rural community. Given the nature of our location and the size of our practice, qualified physician assistants are invaluable in providing quality care to our region.

I am writing to support the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for physician assistants. It is important that, in this situation, allopathic regulations and osteopathic regulations be identical to avoid confusion in clinical practice. Throughout the state there are many situations similar to mine, wherein osteopathic physicians and allopathic physicians work side by side, even in the same business relationship. It is extremely difficult to do this when conflicting regulations exist such as this.

I am sure there are many other appropriate reasons to support this proposed osteopathic prescribing regulation. I cannot see any rationale to sustain this current state of confusion regarding physician assistant prescribing privileges.

In summary, I urge you to make osteopathic prescribing regulations for physician assistants identical to those of allopathic regulations.

Thank you for considering this matter.

Sincerely,

Philip A. Frndak, D.O.

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