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Charles P. Fasano, D.O.  
Chairman, Osteopathic Board of Medicine  
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Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to support the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for physician assistants. I have had the opportunity to work extensively and in close proximity with several physician assistants. I am also a supervisor to physician assistants. It would greatly facilitate patient care by granting physician assistants the same prescribing regulations as those granted by the allopathic board.

I am very comfortable allowing my physician assistants to prescribe medications under my supervision. It will improve patient care by allowing me to have more time for the more complicated cases and for administrative work. I find physician assistants to be extremely knowledgeable and believe patients would benefit by allowing physician assistants to use their full training.

Physician assistants have successfully prescribed for several years under the allopathic board. I look forward to having the same success under our osteopathic board.

Sincerely,

Michael Cash, D.O.

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