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Charles P. Fasano, D.O.
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Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am writing to you to demonstrate my support of prescription privileges for Physician Assistants working under osteopathic physicians. As a current Physician Assistant student, I am currently receiving the same education and training that I will use in my future career regardless of whether or not I choose to work under an osteopathic or allopathic physician. In order to avoid confusion in clinical practice, the regulations set forth for Physician Assistant prescription privileges under osteopathic physicians should be worded identical to those set forth for allopathic physicians.

In addition, more osteopathic practices will be apt to hiring Physician Assistants if they have prescriptive authority. The rise in Physician Assistant job openings in Pennsylvania would not only allow myself, as well as other students, to work to our fullest potential regardless of supervising physicians, but also entice us to remain within the state. The increase in Physician Assistants will further benefit practices by decreasing wait time, increasing the number of available appointments, and allowing the physician greater time to focus on cases of a complex nature.

Lastly, I would like to point out that Physician Assistants have safely been prescribing under allopathic physicians for years. Physician Assistants always work with the supervising physician to provide patient safety, and ultimately each physician will decide if and what his/her Physician Assistant will prescribe. It would be beneficial to Pennsylvania, as well as to the many qualified Physician Assistants, to enable equal prescription practices under both osteopathic and allopathic physicians. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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cc: Basil L Merenda, Commissioner Bureau of Professional & Occupational Affairs
Edward G. Rendell, Governor of Pennsylvania