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Dear Basil L. Merenda:

I am writing this letter in support of the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for those physicians, physician assistants, and communities that are directly and indirectly impacted by the current regulations, previously set by the Osteopathic Board of Medicine.

As you already know, physician assistants whose agreements are teamed together with allopathic physicians have been safely prescribing with minimal disruptions to societal health care needs. Under the present regulations, I have witnessed osteopathic practices limiting their choice to a certain category of health care providers due to issues surrounding access to health care, specifically pertaining to the prescribing limitation of physician assistants who are teamed with osteopathic physicians. With this new proposal, which should model the Allopathic Board of Medicine, I am confident that we will be providing greater health care coverage and containing health care costs, at the same time.

I appreciate the opportunity to voice my opinion on such a critical matter for the benefit of our patients. Some day, perhaps my sister and I could work side by side, as a DO/PA Team without the limitations that hinder our ability to provide appropriate health care for our community.

Sincerely,



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