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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Mr. Charles P. Fasuolo, D.O.,

I firmly support the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for physician assistants. I am currently a physician assistant student in my first of 2 years towards a master's degree. The ability to fully utilize my training in the state of Pennsylvania will directly affect my decision to stay here and practice. For years PA's have safely prescribed medications under the supervision of allopathic physicians. Osteopathic physicians should be given the same ability to delegate prescriptive authority. Physician Assistants work with physician supervision to ensure patient safety. Enabling PA's to fully utilize their education while under the supervision of an osteopath will allow for improved patient care, access to healthcare, decrease wait time for patients, and increase the demand for osteopaths in Pennsylvania.

This proposal will have a profound affect on Pennsylvania healthcare. PA's will be more likely to stay in Pennsylvania, be more likely hired by DO's, and lead to a greater number of medical providers. This will allow more Pennsylvanian's to receive healthcare in a timely manner. When these regulations are passed, they should be worded exactly the same as the allopathic regulations to avoid any confusion in clinical practice. Osteopaths should be given the same ability to delegate prescriptive authority to the PA's as their MD colleagues. Each individual practice and physician can decide the scope of the PA's prescribing ability, or lack thereof. In all, healthcare for the state of Pennsylvania can only improve with the addition of this regulation.

Sincerely,



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