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Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am writing to you concerning the proposed regulations for delegated prescriptive authority for physician assistants under the supervision of osteopathic physicians. I am currently a physician assistant student but I have learned from lectures and observations that there is an important relationship in healthcare between the physician and his or her physician assistant. Trust and communication is crucial in order to provide safe and appropriate healthcare and as you know, a physician assistant is a dependent clinician, relying both on allopathic and osteopathic physicians. For many years the relationship between allopathic physicians and physician assistants has been able to expand due to the prescribing authority given to a PA under the supervision of the physician. Prescribing rights granted to physician assistants will help improve this relationship between osteopathic physicians and physician assistants, as well as access to care, permitting physician assistants to practice to the full extent of their training, while allowing the physician more time to focus on complicated cases. More so, hospital and practices may be more inclined to hire osteopathic physicians if they are able to supervise physician assistants with entrusted prescribing authority.

Once again, I want to reaffirm my support to allow physician assistants to prescribe medications under the supervision of osteopathic physicians. I would like to see the regulations passed in the exact same wording as the allopathic regulations to avoid any confusion in clinical practice. I am asking the board to highly regard my previously stated request, as well as other letters being received during this time. Lastly, I ask for a careful and mindful consideration; therefore a decision can be made based on the patient's best interest for the continuation of safe and medically appropriate healthcare.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Physician Assistant Student  
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cc: Basil L. Merenda; Governor Edward G. Rendell