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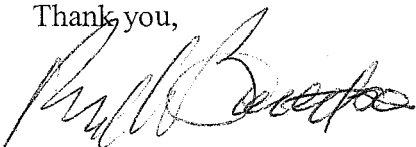
Dear Dr. Fasano,

I am writing to you in support of the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for physician assistants.

Physician assistants have been safely prescribing under the supervision of allopathic physicians for years. Osteopathic physicians should be given the same ability to delegate prescriptive authority to our PAs as our allopathic colleagues. The osteopathic regulations should be worded exactly the same as the allopathic regulations.

I am an osteopathic anesthesiologist with pain management subspecialty whom supervises two physician assistants. The proposed prescribing regulations will improve my patient's access to care by removing some barriers to care thus reducing waiting times, increasing availability of appointments, and allowing me time to focus on more complicated cases.

Thank you,



Randall K. Barrett, D.O.
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c: Basil L. Merenda, Commissioner, Bureau of Professional & Occupational Affairs
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