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

I am writing a letter in support of the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for Physician Assistants. I am currently a PA student at St. Francis University in my clinical year. I have already had many clinical hours and understand the PA role in this particular setting. It is obvious to me that the need for PA's to write prescriptions is vital in their function. We have been trained to prescribe medications for specific disease processes and are qualified to do so. Through inhibiting PA prescribing privileges, one would create less quality of care for the patients by prolonging their wait in offices and limiting their access to care. This would ultimately limit DO's from seeing more patients in a day, by making the PA less functional. Also, DO's should be able to choose to hire a PA, knowing the PA could conduct an office visit similar to the way he or she would if working for an MD.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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