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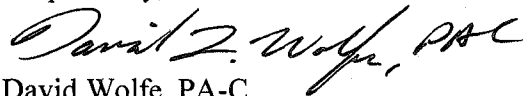
Dear Dr. Fasano,

I am writing to you today regarding the proposed legislation changes regarding prescriptive authority for physician assistants practicing under osteopathic physicians licenses. As you are well aware, Pennsylvania continues to face a healthcare provider crisis. It is apparent that mid-level practitioners will have to fill these gaps. Unfortunately, with the present legislation, the ability for physician assistants working under an osteopathic physician is limited.

As a practicing PA in the state of Pennsylvania for the past eleven years I have had the privilege of working under an osteopath in primary care for nine years. During my tenure in primary care it would be very inconvenient for not only myself but for the patient and my supervising physician to have these restrictions. It ultimately led to the patients limited ability to access timely medical care.

I ask that you please take this into consideration during the decision process and support the proposed changes. Osteopathic physicians are on the rise, and with physician assistants by their side, can improve the patient's access to care significantly. Thank you again for your time.

Respectfully,



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