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Dr. Fasano,

I am writing this letter in regards to the proposed Osteopathic Prescribing Regulations for Physician Assistants. I am currently enrolled in the King's College Physician Assistant Program and am in full support of this proposal allowing Osteopathic Physicians the same privileges of delegating prescriptive duties to the Physician Assistants that they employ. As a future physician assistant, I would prefer to practice in a state that provides the same regulations for both Osteopathic and Allopathic providers as it relates to the prescriptive abilities of physician assistants. Physician assistants have worked safely under Allopathic physicians (MDs) for many years.

There is a major need for Midlevel Practitioners such as Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners due to the healthcare professional shortage. Allowing Osteopathic Physicians (DO) to assign some of their prescriptive duties to Physician Assistants will assist with meeting the demands of the current shortage. This proposal will make it more inviting for an Osteopathic Physician to employ Physician Assistants in their practices. This proposal may also make it more advantageous for Osteopathic Physicians to be hired by Hospitals and other medical practices if they are able to designate these prescriptive duties to their physician assistants.

Sincerely,



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