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Dear Dr. Fasano,

I am writing this letter in support of the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for physician assistants. It is essential that physician assistants have prescribing privileges under a D.O. to provide the highest quality and most cost-effective health care for the patients of Pennsylvania. Physician assistants have had prescribing privileges under M.D.'s for over ten years now. By not allowing physician assistants that same privilege to prescribe under D.O.'s, the state is essentially saying that they view D.O.'s as inferior to M.D.'s. Please remember, physician assistants are trying to be an asset to you and not to work against you. I hope you consider this matter very seriously, as this issue is one that not only affects D.O.'s, but most importantly, patients.

Sincerely,

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