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

I am currently a physician assistant student attending St. Francis University and I am writing in support of the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for physician assistants. There are several compelling reasons why physician assistants should be able to prescribe under the supervision of an osteopathic provider. Firstly, PAs have received appropriate training to prescribe medications whether working for an osteopathic or allopathic provider, and have been prescribing under MDs for several years. Secondly, in order for physician assistants to achieve their full potential as providers who improve access to healthcare, they require prescribing privileges. Thirdly, the PA-physician team functions more efficiently when PAs can fully execute devised treatment plans.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. It is my hope that the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations will be approved, ultimately bettering the delivery of healthcare in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

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