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Charles Fasano, D.O.
Chairman, Osteopathic Board of Medicine
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Dear Dr. Fasano,

I am writing to you in support of the proposed regulations, which were recently published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin, delegating prescriptive authority to Physician Assistants who are supervised by osteopathic physicians. The proposed regulations will allow Physician Assistants who are supervised by an osteopathic physician to fully utilize the pharmacology training they receive in school. During my training at the George Washington University PA Program, many of my classes were in conjunction with the medical school students. Furthermore, I am currently supervised by an allopathic physician and have been safely prescribing medications for ten years.

Although the proposed changes will not affect me directly, as I am supervised by an allopathic physician, they will affect the health system in which I work. I work in a hospital-owned outpatient health system. Our health system employs DOs, MDs, PA-Cs, CRNPs and Nurse Midwives. We have several osteopathic physicians within our system who supervise Physician Assistants and have not been able to utilize them to their full potential. In addition to my clinical responsibilities, I am one of the Physician Assistant "leads" for our outpatient health system. Since our system employs multiple DOs, MDs and PAs, it would be extremely advantageous if the osteopathic regulations mirror the allopathic prescribing regulations to make it simpler for health systems to implement and monitor.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



Regina M. Martin, MSHS, PA-C

Cc: Governor Edward G. Rendell
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