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

I am writing to you regarding the proposed regulations for delegated prescriptive authorities for physician assistants under the supervision of osteopathic physicians. I fully support these proposed regulations.

As a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of an allopathic physician, I have been safely prescribing medications since obtaining my certification three years ago. All PAs are put through the same training and should have the same practicing privileges. We receive extensive education in pharmacology during our didactic year of training. This allows us to safely prescribe medication under physician supervision. Osteopathic doctors should be allowed to delegate the same authorities to their own physician assistants, deciding on an individual basis which medications they feel comfortable allowing their PA to prescribe. I also believe this will improve the relationship between PAs and osteopathic physicians. It will certainly encourage more PAs to seek employment under osteopathic supervision.

When physician assistants are allowed to prescribe medications, they become a greater benefit to their supervising physicians. Prescriptive authorities allow us to see uncomplicated patients from beginning to end, giving physicians more time to spend with complicated patients. Ultimately, for physicians, they are able to help a greater number of patients. For physician assistants, they are able to practice to the full extent of their training. And for patients, there is improved access to care.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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