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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
REVIEW COMMISSION

Re: Proposed Rulemaking (37 Pa.B. 5598)

Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am writing in regard to the proposed rules, published in the *PA Bulletin* on 10/20/07, governing prescribing practice for physician assistants who are supervised by osteopathic physicians. I have practiced as a physician assistant in PA since 1975. Currently, I manage a large academic department that employs 12 physician assistants. I can attest to the effectiveness and utility of the regulatory changes made by the Allopathic Board over the years. In particular, the recent Allopathic Board regulatory changes (Pa.B. Doc. No. 06-2263, November 17, 2006) relative to prescribing, supervision, medical orders and other clarifications have made a significant impact on the deployment and utilization of PAs.

I encourage you and the Osteopathic Board to approve the proposed regulations that are similar to those published by the Allopathic Board on November 17, 2006. The end result will be enhanced access to quality care that will be delivered in a timely fashion.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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