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Dear Charles P. Fasano, D.O.,

I am a Physician Assistant student in Pennsylvania and I support the new legislature for allowing Physician Assistants to prescribe under osteopathic physicians. For years now, PAs have been prescribing under the supervision of allopathic physicians. I feel that the regulations should parallel those of the allopathic regulations and therefore be worded the exact same to avoid further controversy once it is put into place.

I feel strongly that osteopathic physicians have the ability to supervise a PA with prescribing privileges just as well as the allopathic physicians. I am originally from Connecticut but, with this new legislature it may impact my decision to stay and practice in Pennsylvania, as with many of my out-of-state classmates. The reason being is that it will allow more job opportunities with the range of responsibilities that I desire as a PA.

I appreciate your time and effort in this matter.

Thank you,

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