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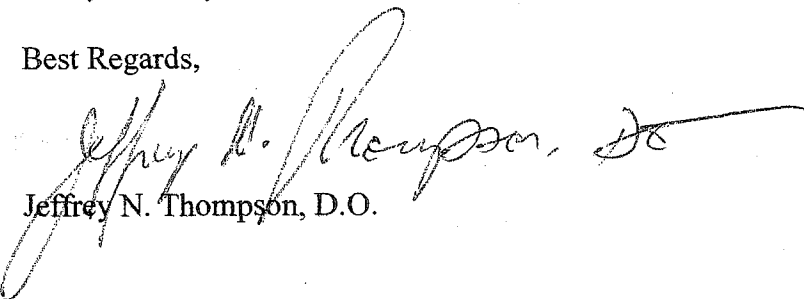
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Charles P. Fasano, D.O.
Chairman, Osteopathic Board of Medicine
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Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am writing to urge you and the Osteopathic Board of Medicine to move forward with regulations that would allow prescriptive authority of physician assistants. I've been working with a physician assistant in my private practice Dermatology Office for nearly four years and have found the professional relationship to be extremely beneficial for my patients. The PA I am working with is well trained, diligent, conscientious, and we work very well as a team. The physician assistants who are working with allopathic physicians in Pennsylvania have prescribing authority, and the lack of this authority for osteopathic supervised PA's certainly puts me and my osteopathic colleagues who are using PA's at a disadvantage. I've written the board regarding this matter previously, and I am again asking you to move forward to develop regulations allowing prescriptive authority for osteopathic supervised PA's. If you have any questions I would be glad to discuss this with you at any time.

Best Regards,


Jeffrey N. Thompson, D.O.

cc: Basil L. Merenda
Governor Edward G. Rendell

