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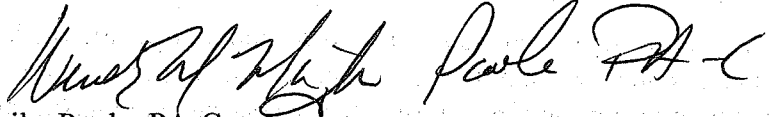
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Dear Dr. Fasano,

I am writing to you to express my sincere hope that Osteopathic Board of Medicine will support the proposed prescribing regulations for Physician Assistants. I am a Physician Assistant in the suburbs of Philadelphia. I am currently opening a Convenience Care Clinic in collaboration with two Physicians. Unfortunately, due to the heavy restrictions placed on not only prescribing rights, but the ability of an Osteopathic Physician to supervise a satellite location run by a Physician Assistant, I have been unable to utilize and partner with many of the superb Osteopathic physicians that I have had the privilege of working with in the past.

As I am sure you are aware, PA's have been safely prescribing under Allopathic Physicians for many years. I come from a PA family. My father, I and my husband are all PA's and we love our profession and the doctors we get to work with. We all feel that the Osteopathic Physicians that we have known throughout the years have had their hands tied by the limits of the current laws and wish that they can soon enjoy the same abilities to delegate prescribing authority to PA's as their Allopathic colleagues. In the future Osteopathic Physicians may be more apt to hire a PA which will enlarge their practices and make them more accessible to the patients that need to be seen, while upkeeping the quality of care and allow the Physician to focus more on complicated cases. Many PA's are now employed by hospitals; this could improve the opportunities for future employment for Osteopathic Physicians if they are able to delegate prescriptive authority to a Physician Assistant. I also feel it is important to keep the language of the new laws nearly identical to the laws of the Allopathic Board to keep it simple and consistent. With so much to consistently think about in medicine, the last thing we need is a more complicated system that takes our focus off of the primary goal of taking great care of our patients.

I thank you for your time and attention to this pressing matter.

Sincerely,   
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