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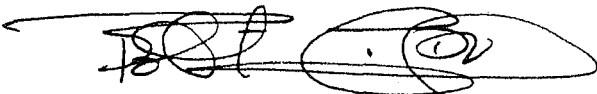
Dear Dr. Fasano,

I am writing to you in support of the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for physician assistants. The key points are as follows:

- The proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for PAs should be worded exactly the same as the allopathic regulations to avoid any confusion in clinical practice.
- PAs have been safely prescribing under the supervision of allopathic physicians for years.
- Osteopathic physicians should be given the same ability to delegate prescriptive authority to their PAs as their MD colleagues.
- PAs work with physician supervision to ensure patient safety.
- Access to care will be improved because the PAs who are currently supervised by DOs will be able to practice to the full extent of their training.
- Osteopathic physicians may be more likely to hire a PA when they are given prescriptive authority. This will in turn remove some barriers to care due to reduced waiting times, increased availability of appointments and allow the physician time to focus on more complicated cases.
- The individual physician will decide whether his/her PA will prescribe (or not) and also what drugs the PA will be permitted to prescribe.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



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