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Dear Charles P. Fasano, D.O.,

As a Physician Assistant student in Pennsylvania, who also plans on remaining here post-graduation, I support the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for physician assistants. The regulations should be worded exactly the same as the allopathic regulations to avoid any confusion in the clinical setting.

I strongly believe that osteopathic physicians should be given the same ability to delegate prescriptive authority to their PAs as their M.D. counterparts. As a prospective practitioner in Pennsylvania, my ability to prescribe under osteopathic physicians will impact available job opportunities for me in Pennsylvania as well as my desire to seek employment in other states. Additionally, osteopathic physicians will be more valuable to patients, hospitals, and practices if they are able to supervise PAs with delegated prescriptive authority.

Thank you very much, Dr. Fasano, for your time and effort in this matter.

Thank you,

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