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Charles P. Fasano, D.O.  
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Dear Doctor Fasano:

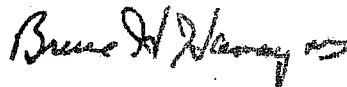
Geisinger Clinic employs approximately 150 Physician's Assistants (PAs) to work with our D.O. and M.D. staff. These PAs have demonstrated their ability, under the supervision of our allopathic staff, to write appropriate prescriptions with due regard for patient safety.

I would urge that you and the members of the Osteopathic Board of Medicine support changes in the Practice Act for Osteopathic Medicine, which would closely align the functioning of PAs supervised by osteopathic physicians, with the prescriptive authority permitted under the allopathic regulations. We would, therefore, request the Board to permit osteopathic physicians to delegate prescriptive authority to the PAs under their supervision.

It is my belief that this will permit our osteopaths and their PAs to more effectively serve our patients.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Bruce H. Hamory, M.D.

cc: Basil L. Merenda  
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