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Charles P. Fasano, D.O. Chairman, Osteopathic Board of Medicine P.O. Box 2649 Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

Dear Dr. Fasano,

I am writing to you in support of the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulation for Physician Assistants.

I strongly believe that osteopathic physicians should be given the same ability to delegate prescriptive authority to their PA's as do allopathic physicians. Access to health care in our state will be much improved because the PAs who are currently supervised by the DOs will be able to practice to the full extent of their training and capabilities. I would also like to stress that the proposed regulation should be worded exactly the same as the allopathic regulations to avoid any confusion in clinical practice.

Again, I am asking you to please support these changes. Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Herbik, D.O.

cc: Governor Edward G. Rendell

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