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Dear Mr. Fasano,

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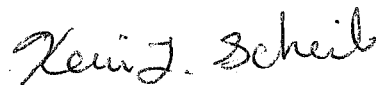
I am a physician assistant student currently studying at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. As a future physician assistant in Pennsylvania, it is my duty to be active in the legislation which will affect my future practice and the care of my patients. I have recently reviewed the newly proposed regulations for delegated prescriptive authority under the supervision of osteopathic physicians and am in support of the proposed regulations.

As a future physician assistant it is my responsibility to be an advocate for my patient. Our role is to provide quality care by working under their supervision of physicians to assure the best possible, most affective patient care. The regulations which are now in effect hinder our ability to properly care for our patients by restricting our abilities and limiting our training. Physician assistants have been prescribing medication in Pennsylvania under allopathic physicians for many years, assisting in patient centered care. This same ability should be give to osteopathic physicians.

The proposed regulations should be exactly the same between allopathic and osteopathic physicians as to reduce the confusion in clinical practice. This will allow both allopathic and osteopathic physicians the same ability to delegate authority and therefore the same degree of treatment to patients. This allows for more physician assistants to be utilized in osteopathic physicians' practice which in turn allows the physician the ability to see more patients, decrease waiting times and availability, and focus on more complicated patients. All together it translates to better overall patient care.

I may only be a student now, but within a few years I hope to practice in Pennsylvania. When I begin practicing I want to be able to use my training and skill to its fullest extent in order to provide the best possible patient care no matter my advising physician. As it stands now, I feel the legislation not only negatively affects my ability, but the care of the patient. Should the legislation remain restricted to only allopathic physicians, it will greatly affect my decision to practice in my home state of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely



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