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

I am a Physician Assistant student at Duquesne University and I am in the middle of my didactic year of training. Next summer I will begin my clinical rotations and I am really looking forward to working as part of a healthcare team and treating patients. I am writing you for your support on delegating prescribing authorities to physician assistants who practice under the supervision of a doctor of osteopathic medicine. Physician assistants have been safely prescribing with the supervision of allopathic physicians for some time now. Physician assistants receive the same training whether they are supervised by a doctor of osteopathic medicine or a doctor of allopathic medicine. Osteopathic physicians should have the same ability to allow prescriptive authority to their physician assistants just as allopathic physicians can. The regulations should be worded exactly the same in regard to how physician assistants can be prescribed under allopathic physicians in order to avoid confusion. I believe that access to care will improve because physician assistants have proven their competence in prescribing through the years. With physician assistants prescribing medications, I believe this will improve a physician's practice and provide that more patients can be seen and treated. Most importantly, each osteopathic physician should be able to decide whether to allow his or her physician assistant to prescribe, thus giving the opportunity for prescription privileges if appropriate. I think this will improve the delivery of healthcare and I hope you consider this proposal.

Sincerely,

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