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Dear CHARLES P. FASANO, D.O.,

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I AM WRITING TO YOU IN REGARDS TO PROPOSED PENNSYLVANIA STATE LAW 25.177. I AM CURRENTLY A SENIOR AT GANNON UNIVERSITY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM. I LIVE IN HERMITAGE, PA. WITH MY WIFE AND 3 CHILDREN, WHERE OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS (D.O.'S) ARE PREDOMINATELY THE MAIN HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.

THERE ARE NUMEROUS POINTS WHY THE ABOVE LAW NEEDS TO PASS. FOR MY FAMILY AND STUDENTS IN THE THE P.A. FIELD THIS COULD MEAN MORE POTENTIAL JOB OPENINGS, WHICH WOULD HELP THIS STATES ECONOMY. ACCESS TO CARE WILL BE GREATLY IMPROVED, REDUCING WAITING TIMES AND INCREASING AVAILABILITY OF APPOINTMENTS FOR PATIENTS WHO NEED CARE, WHILE ALLOWING D.O.'S MORE TIME TO FOCUS ON MORE COMPLICATED CASES. THIS IN TURN MAKES P.A.'S VALUABLE TO D.O.'S. AND THEIR PRACTISES. OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS SHOULD HAVE THE SAME ABILITY TO DELEGATE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY TO THEIR P.A.'S AS THEIR ALLOPATHIC PHYSICIANS COLLEAGUES CURRENTLY DO. PASSING THIS LAW, CONSTITUTES A WINNING SITUATION FOR PATIENTS AND THE ENTIRE HEALTH CARE COMMUNITY IN THIS GREAT STATE.

SINCERELY,

Scott Walls PA-S.