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Dear Dr. Fasano,

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

I am a physician assistant currently practicing in a mixed osteopathic and allopathic orthopedic surgical practice in central Pennsylvania. I am writing this letter in support of the proposed prescriptive changes with physician assistants to practice in Pennsylvania. I currently work under an allopathic physician, but have substitute providers to include four osteopathic physicians. **I believe that the changes to regulations as proposed be equal to that of the current allopathic regulations to avoid any confusion among my professional colleagues and that of the public.** Physician Assistants have been prescribing under allopathic regulations for years. During my masters' level training, we had extensive classroom work in pharmacology. I have been prescribing since my introduction to practice. I feel fully confident that my training as well as the training of my colleagues across the state is sufficient to adequately address the needs of the public to provide safe and effective care.

The proposed changes would enable more physician assistants to serve the public in a safe and effective manner while maintaining continuity of care. Access to care will be improved because we would be able to use our abilities to the full extent of our training in providing excellent patient care. These changes may also open the door to employment opportunities for physician assistants to osteopathic physicians due to gaining prescriptive authority. Prescriptive authority will remove barriers to effectively practice while providing improved access to care, reducing waiting times, increasing appointment availability, and allow the physician to focus on more complicated matters. Each osteopathic physician in their written agreement with the state can effectively delegate, with respect to prescriptive privileges, the activities in which their physician assistant could perform. Hospitals/practices may hire more osteopathic physicians to supervise already existing physician assistant positions to continue the quality care that they are providing. In short I think the proposed regulatory changes will improve quality across the commonwealth.

I thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,


Nathan Martin, PA-C

cc: Commissioner Basil Merenda, Governor Edward Rendell