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Dear Dr. Fasano,

I am a physician assistant student writing in support of the proposed regulations for delegated prescriptive authority for physician assistants under the supervision of osteopathic physicians. The osteopathic prescribing regulations for physician assistants should mirror the allopathic regulations to avoid any confusion. Under the supervision of allopathic physicians, physician assistants have been safely prescribing medication for many years and osteopathic physicians should be given equal ability to delegate prescriptive authority to their physician assistant's.

We as dependent practitioners work with physician supervision to ensure the patient safety. Osteopathic physicians would be able to care for more patients if given the ability to delegate prescribing authority to physician assistants. Patients will also benefit with more access to care, waiting times will be decreased and appointment availability will be increased, since osteopathic physicians will be able to delegate prescribing authority to physician assistants. I will not stay in Pennsylvania to practice if the prescribing regulations are not passed.

Sincerely,

*Lindsay Ruark*

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cc: Basil L. Merenda, Governor Edward G. Rendell