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ATTENTION OF:

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Charles P Fasano, DO  
Chairman  
State Board of Osteopathic Medicine  
PO Box 2649  
Harrisburg PA 17105

Dear Dr. Fasano,

I am an AP/CP board certified pathologist currently fulfilling my active duty obligation at Ft. Bragg, NC. I will be separating from the Army at the end of June, 2008 and have a strong desire to return to my native State of Pennsylvania to practice pathology. I have some concerns, however, concerning the OMT practical examination and would appreciate your candid remarks.

Since I did my clinical internship at an military institution, I did not initially seek licensure in my home state. As it was, the state I was licensed in at the time did not require an OMT practical exam. As a pathologist, I have not seen nor touched a living patient for over seven years. I'm sure you can understand my concerns about re-learning this modality and how ordering the recommended text will make me sufficiently proficient to pass a practical examination. Is there any chance the PA Board would waive this requirement for a non-clinician? If not, I would appreciate guidance as to how to best prepare for this exam barring any hands-on experience. I would really like to return to Pennsylvania to practice, but foresee this requirement becoming a significant barrier to my obtaining licensure. I eagerly await the Board's recommendations.

Sincerely,

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