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Dear Dr. Fasano:

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I am writing this letter in support of the proposed regulation delegating prescriptive authority for physician assistants under the supervision of osteopathic physicians.

I currently work in a practice of osteopathic and allopathic physicians who employ several physician assistants. Granting the same prescriptive capabilities for physician assistants working with osteopathic physicians as allopathic physicians would streamline a practice, enabling initial and refill prescriptions to be written and filled in a more efficient manner.

Physician assistant prescribing practices would mirror my own prescribing practices and there is physician supervision to ensure patient safety. Access to care will be improved as the physician assistants will be able to practice to the full extent of their training.

I do hope that these regulations will be passed in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

Erica Grazioli, DO

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