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Dear Mr. Merenda,

I am writing you in support of the Osteopathic regulations proposed for the prescribing authority for PA's employed by osteopathic physicians.

I am a Physician Assistant and have been employed by allopathic physicians for the past 31 years. We have had the authority to prescribe medications for our patients in accordance with the regulations set forth by the Pennsylvania Medical Board and the DEA board and in accordance with our supervising physicians. We have done so safely and as a result our practice is able to run smoothly as we provide the necessary care to our patients.

PA's supervised by MD's or DO's have received the same training. It is important that the Osteopathic regulation follow the same vocabulary as those of the Allopathic regulations to prevent confusion to employers and most importantly to enhance safety for our patients.

Health care access will be improved for our patients as osteopathic PA's will be able to practice to the full extent of their training. This will allow the physician to focus on more complicated patients.

Each physician will be able to decide whether his or her PA may or may not prescribe.

I encourage you to support the above prescribing osteopathic regulations as proposed.

Sincerely,

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cc: Charles P. Fasano, D.O.  
Governor Edw. G. Rendell

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