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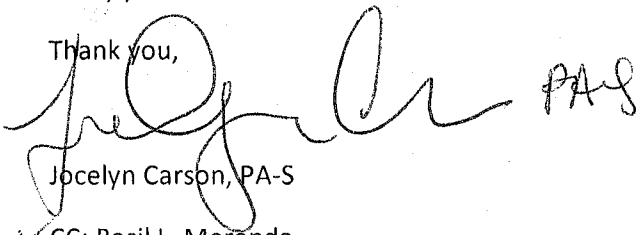
Dear Mr. Charles P. Fasano, D.O.,

As a Physician Assistant student in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I support the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for physician assistants. I believe that the regulations should be worded exactly the same as the osteopathic regulations as to avoid any confusion that may arise within the clinical setting. Furthermore, as I am sure you are aware, PAs have been effectively and safely prescribing for years under the supervision of allopathic physicians. Therefore, there should be no difference in prescribing privileges concerning osteopathic physicians.

Osteopathic physicians should be given the same ability to entrust prescriptive authority to their PAs as do their M.D. counterparts. As a prospective physician assistant in Pennsylvania, I fear that my ability to practice effectively and to my fullest potential may be impinged upon by the lack of prescribing abilities of a PA working for an Osteopathic Physician. Moreover, the lack of prescribing ability would limit the number of job opportunities that would be in my best interest.

As you are a physician yourself, I am sure that you understand the amount of time and energy that goes into becoming a healthcare professional. PAs school is by no means easy. I have spent the passes four years in college (the first two which were spent competing for a spot in one of the top PA programs). After successfully entering Duquesne Universities PA program, I have spent the last year subjecting myself to some of the most challenging and mentally draining courses. I chose this path for myself, because I want to help people in need. I want patients to understand the procedure they are going to be undergoing and the medicines they will be taking. Additionally, I want patients to understand why they are doing procedures or taking medications. Upon my graduation and successful completion of PANCE, the state will legally certify me as a Physician Assistant. I will be certified to accomplish all the goals I have set out for myself as a practicing healthcare professional/educator. However, I feel that my ability to do so within osteopathic medicine is greatly dependent on my ability to prescribe medications to my patients.

Thank you,



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