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Charles P. Fasano, D.O., Chairman
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Dear Dr. Fasano:

This letter is in regards to the proposed regulations for Delegated Prescriptive Authority for Physician Assistants working under the supervision of osteopathic physicians. I would like to say that our group of physicians is highly in favor of these proposed regulations. These proposed regulations should be worded exactly the same as (Allopathic/MD) colleagues to avoid any confusion in clinical practice. Physician Assistants have been safely prescribing under the supervision of allopathic physician's for years. As osteopathic physicians, we feel the same rights should be given to us to delegate prescriptive authority to our physician assistants. We believe access to care would be improved and that the PAs will be able to practice to the full extent of their training. Obviously, we will decide which medications our PAs will be permitted to prescribe, and we will still work closely with them to ensure patient safety.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Mitrick, D.O.

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