**Message from the WAPA President**

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*PA Lobby Day is February 5th | Join Us!***

Colleagues,

We continue to hear from PAs from all specialties affected by hiring challenges due to physician supervision requirements. We will continue to challenge the language and engage key players to endorse OTP. Who are key players? Your patients, your supervising physician, corporate employers and **you**. It will take time, money and influence.

Legislative Day is fast approaching. On February 5th we need all hands on deck during this short session. Here are the three things you can do: (1) Encourage your supervising physician to write a letter of support for our current bill. (2) Your attendance on leg day. (3) Educate yourself and your colleagues about the current bill.

We have a template letter posted on the website, if you cannot attend Legislative/Lobby Day then send a letter. Our bill will be going before the health and wellness committee soon and your support is critical. Numbers matter. Last year the capital campus was inundated by hair stylists contesting language about health insurance and legislators listened. Surely, this is equally if not more important. I would also advocate your supervising physicians write letters to WSMA in support of OTP. We must move the mountain of supervision language out of the current law, but that is for another time. It is not too soon to start the discussion. WSMA will listen to their physician and PA constituents. We are here to meet the challenges faced by all PAs in all specialties.

The survival of our profession is in many hands, we need **you**to help make the difference.

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