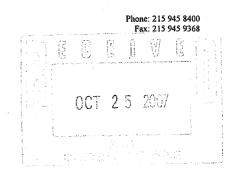
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Dear Dr. Fasano,

As a physician assistant supervised by an MD, I have been able to prescribe medications since I began working. I work very closely with my doctor so our patient's safety is maintained. I have received the same training as my DO-supervised colleagues, and I believe these PAs should also have the ability to prescribe. Continuity of care will be ensured in this fashion. PAs can *only* prescribe those medications approved by their physician and may only prescribe medications that echo their scope of practice. The ability for all PAs in Pennsylvania to prescribe will open many doors to patients that need care.

Sincerely,

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