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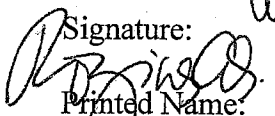
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Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am currently a first-year DO student who values collaborative medicine. I find it appalling and discouraging that in the state of ~~PA~~ Pennsylvania PAs cannot write prescriptions if they work for DOs. Yet they can, if they work for MDs. As recognized equals in the field of medicine, DOs command the same level of ^{knowledge} ~~command~~ expertise + experience as MDs. To this end, they also have a strong working relationship with PAs. Thus DOs should be given the same ability to delegate prescriptive authority to their PAs, as their MD colleagues. PAs will exercise the same level of safe prescription with DOs, as with MDs. Changing the legislation will only approve the quality and delivery of healthcare in a state that is in dire need of change.

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Thank you!