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REVIEW COMMISSION

I am Renee Eismont and I am currently a third year Physician Assistant student at Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania. I am writing to you in favor of passing the proposed regulations to allow physician assistants to prescribe medications under osteopathic physician supervision.

Currently physician assistants are permitted to prescribe under an allopathic physician and we should be given the privilege to do so under an osteopathic physician. PA's who are supervised by osteopathic physicians currently are also equally trained and qualified compared to those PA's practicing under an allopathic physician. This alone should allow each PA, despite which type of physician they practice under, to be equally permitted to prescribe medications. Allowing PA's to prescribe medications in this manner will broaden the horizons of our career and allow us to practice to our fullest potential. This regulation, if passed will also improve access to care for patients, since health care is in higher demand in our state and nation. Less waiting for visits, more available appointments, and giving more time for the physician to focus on cases, will become more efficient in the healthcare offices if the regulation is passed.

PA's are well-qualified to receive this privilege. Our education has allowed us to practice safely and competently under the direction of an allopathic physician for many years. PA's are also willing and ready to provide the same quality of care under osteopathic physicians. As a student, I feel that this regulation plays an important role for my future. The regulation will provide more job opportunities for PA's under osteopathic

physicians and it will also allow us to practice to the full extent of our training. Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts on the issue and I support the decision that you conclude to on this regulation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Renee C. Eismont". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Renee C. Eismont