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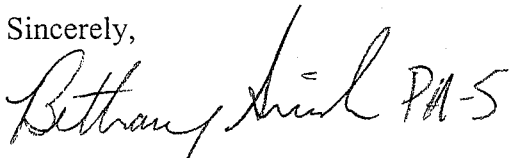
~~Charles P. Fasano, D.O.~~
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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
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Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am a Physician Assistant student at St. Francis University and I am writing to express my concern about the current Physician Assistant prescribing restrictions under DO's. I believe that PA's should have the same prescribing opportunities under DO's as they do under MD's. I feel this will directly affect my career as a PA. At this time I would be more likely to except a position from a MD than a DO because of these regulations. If a Nurse Practitioner can prescribe under a DO why can't a PA? PA's have been safely prescribing under MD's for over ten years. PA's receive the same training whether they intend to work under a MD or a DO. If PA's had the same prescribing rights under DO's the practice or clinic could be more efficient and the doctor could allow more time with their patients. DO's should also advocate this change, because they should not have limitations that their MD colleagues do not have. Ultimately the supervising physician of the PA decides the prescribing duties of a PA, so each DO would still have the right to regulate as they wish. Once again I want to express my support to change the current prescribing regulations that PA's have under DO's. If this would change I think it would be a huge step in the growth of the Physician Assistant career in the state of Pennsylvania. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Bethany Swink PA-S

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