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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am writing in support of the regulations regarding prescribing privileges for Physician Assistants under DO's in the state of Pennsylvania. PA's are a valued part of the healthcare team and are qualified to provide quality patient care in all settings. PA's have been safely prescribing under MD's for many years. To have the same privileges under DO's would improve time management and efficiency in all healthcare settings and will ultimately provide a better experience for each patient. Regulations under DO's should be the same as under MDs to avoid confusion among rotating supervising physicians.

As a Physician Assistant student in the state of Pennsylvania I worry that the restrictions we currently face under DO supervision will affect my ability to practice within the state. Throughout my two years of PA education I will become well trained to make proper decisions regarding patient care and prescribe medications with confidence. While proper supervision under both MDs and DOs is important, prescribing privileges are a right that I look forward to having once I have refined my skills as a clinician. Granting PA's prescribing rights under DO's should be considered to improve the overall state of healthcare within our state. Please consider the necessary changes in order to benefit those patients who regularly see PA's in the office and hospital settings.

Sincerely,

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