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Dr. Dr. Fasano,

Physician Assistants are a valued component in the healthcare field and have been safely prescribing under MD's for many years. I am writing this letter to support making the regulations for PA's under DO's and MD's the same. This incongruity is an injustice to PA's, MD's, DO's and to patients. Making the regulations the same will only improve the healthcare field, benefit patients and all providers.

As a PA student, I am alarmed by the knowledge that under DO's we do not have prescribing privileges. PA students undergo a rigorous and challenging Pharmacology class and are well prepared to write prescriptions to best treat our patients. I worry that my future career as a PA is in jeopardy under current regulations. Please consider these changes in regulations in order to benefit PA's, MD's, DO's and all patients who currently see PA's.

Sincerely,

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