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Charles P. Fasano, D.O. Chairman, Osteopathic Board of Medicine P.O. Box 2649, Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
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Dear Dr. Fasano:

As a Physician Assistant student I am writing to you with regards to the current debate over our ability to write prescriptions under the supervision of DO's. Physician Assistants have been safely writing prescriptions in the medical fields under MD's for many years and I feel that we should have the same rights and prescriptive privileges under DO's. This would increase the efficiency of our daily office visits with patients. We would not have to stop the DO and ask his permission for the treatment regimen and get his signature for the prescription if we were able to write prescriptions.

We have received the same training as students when we work for both MD's and DO's so why should we not be able to have the same privileges? I feel that if this change was made then both our jobs and that of our supervising DO's will be made easier. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Travis Dimond PA-S

CC:

Basil L. Merenda

Governor Edward G. Rendell