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Dear, Dr. Fasano

I am writing this letter in support of the proposed legislation to grant Physician Assistants in Pennsylvania the ability to prescribe under the supervision of a D.O. Physician Assistants have been permitted to prescribe under the supervision of an M.D. since the mid-ninties safely and this has had a beneficial impact on the medical field. This has allowed for faster, more efficient healthcare for patients and has provided Pennsylvanians with expanded access to healthcare. This access will be further expanded with the ratification of this legislation. In addition, I believe it is a derogatory insult to the honorable D.O. profession that they are not held as equals to their allopathic brethren in the respect of supervising a PA with full capabilities. I ask your support in furthering the medical profession's capabilities in Pennsylvania by approving of this legislation.

Sincerely,

Mark Ferris, PA-S

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