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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
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Dear Dr. Fasano:

As a member of the physician assistant (PA) student population, I would like to address the issue of PA's prescribing rights under the supervision of a D.O. in Pennsylvania. It's my understanding that we have had the rights of prescribing under M.D.'s for many years, and I think that the same rights should be mandated for PA's under a D.O. as well. The primary focus of our attention and concern should first be toward our patients. I feel that the restrictions that are currently put on PA's under the D.O. inhibit the efficiency of health care given to our patients. The time that is spent waiting for approval and signatures in the office setting takes away from the time that we as PAs can be spending with our patients. I feel that patient personal contact is the most beneficial aspect of our role as a PA and by limiting our rights, our patient education focus is also hindered.

In closing, I write to you today in hopes that my prospective career as a PA will be as beneficial and rewarding as possible with your help. I feel that allowing PAs to prescribe under the supervision of D.O.'s will provide the most efficient and beneficial health care access to the patients of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,



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