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



Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am currently a physician assistant student writing in support of the push to allow physician assistants in Pennsylvania to have the same prescribing rights under DO's as they do under MD's. PA's are trained well in the practice of writing prescriptions and have been safely prescribing under the supervision of MD's for years. The training and certification of a PA is the same whether the PA will be working for an MD or a DO and thus the prescribing regulations should be the same. By allowing PA's to have prescription privileges, both the PA and the DO will be able to spend more valuable time with patients. This change would also allow for more access to healthcare and less waiting time in the office for patients. Please consider passing this bill as it will only better the relationships between the DO and PA and will ultimately allow for more efficient healthcare for the patients.

Sincerely,

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