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Charles P. Fasano, D.O.
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Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am writing to address the situation of a possible change in the legislation that will allow Physician Assistants to prescribe medications under the supervision of an OD. Physician Assistant's have been prescribing safely under MD's for many years and we receive the same training whether we work under a MD or OD. In PA school we take an extensive, highly challenging pharmacology course that prepares us to safely and effectively prescribe medications for every illness that a patient may present with. Being able to prescribe medications is important for the effectiveness of health care because it allows us to spend more time with the patients and less time looking for our supervising OD to write the prescriptions for us. The PA profession has been a growing profession and throughout the years we have offered excellent health care to patients and have changed the face of medicine and are known to be more sympathetic with patients. As a PA student I would like to be able to have freedom to practice what I have learned including writing prescriptions whether I take a job under an OD or a MD. If the law passes patient care will benefit extensively.

Sincerely,



Kylie Wallace PA-S

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