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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
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Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am writing in regards to the prescriptive rights of physician assistants. Physician assistants have been safely prescribing medications under MD's for the past decade. With that, I feel that we should be given the same privilege prescribing medications for DO's as well. Along with the Nurse practitioners, I feel that by granting the rights of PA's to prescribe medications would allow more collaborative efforts in providing more efficient health care. Currently, approximately four PA's are working under the direction of DO's which makes a statement showing that DO's work well and appreciate the role physician assistants carry out as health care providers, so why not allow them to prescribe medications? By granting prescriptive rights to physician assistants would allow less time being wasted, more time with the patients along with more access to health care. Prescription writing is a concept being practiced all throughout the schooling process, so if the question is whether or not we can handle writing prescriptions should not be questioned. We can write prescriptions and if we were given the prescriptive rights we together would be more efficient in providing effective health care.

Sincerely,

Lauren Phillips, PA-S

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CC: Basil L. Merenda and Governor Edward G. Rendell