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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Dr. Fasano,

Hello. I am a fourth year Physician Assistant student at Saint Francis University in Loretto, PA. Physician Assistants have been successfully prescribing under MD's for several years. We are put through the same training whether we work under the supervision of an MD or a DO. Physician Assistants can not provide effective health care to their patients when they are spending most of their time trying to find a supervising DO to approve and sign for their prescriptions. Regulations for prescribing should be the same under both MDs and DOs. It is derogatory towards your own profession that you are not given the same privileges to be an effective supervisor as MDs are to Physician Assistants. For the sake of providing better and more effective health care, please push to allow Physician Assistants to prescribe under your profession.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christine E. Rodgers' followed by a horizontal line and the initials 'PA-S'.

Christine E. Rodgers, Physician Assistant Student

CC: Basil L. Merenda  
Governor Edward G. Rendell