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Dear Dr. Fasano,

My name is Christine Roos, and I am a Physician Assistant student at Saint Francis University. I am writing this letter in hopes that the law that prohibits physician assistants from prescribing under DO's might be changed. Physician assistants have been safely prescribing under MD's for decades. Physician Assistants are trained exactly the same, whether they look for a job with an MD or DO. The fact that PA's cannot prescribe under DO's decreases patient access to healthcare, and additionally provides less effective care for patients. From the perspective of a DO, it is derogatory that DO's cannot provide the same functional capability as supervising MD practitioners, and it takes up unnecessary time for a busy DO to have to drop their current task/patient to have to sign off on a prescription. It is my hope that the regulations will soon be changed so that PA's may too prescribe under DO's as well as MD's. When I graduate in a year and a half, I hope to be able to provide the best possible care to all of my patients, regardless of whether they see an MD or DO. Having prescribing rights under a DO would help achieve this.

Sincerely,



Christine Roos PA-S

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