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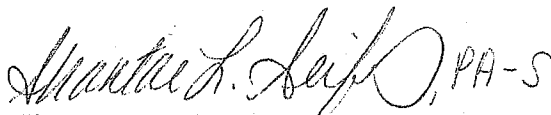
Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am a first year professional student at Saint Francis University and I am writing in concern to passing the law regarding writing prescriptions under the supervision of DO's. My fellow colleagues are being treated unfairly and deserve the right to be able to write the prescriptions under DOs. Physician assistants have been safely prescribing under MD's for years. Our training is the same regardless of who may be our supervising physician.

It is derogatory to fellow Dos that their colleagues do not give Physician Assistants the same privileges that MDs allow. Regulations should and need to be the same. Passing this law would allow Dos to spend more quality time with their patients. PAs will be able to spend more time with their patients as well, because they will not have to worry about chasing down the DO to write the prescription. If we are capable enough to see patients and diagnose, we are capable enough to write prescriptions.

Even though I realize that I am only a student, in a two years I will be out there practicing and feel that I deserve the right to write prescriptions under a DO's supervision. I hope that in the near future that this law will be passed and allow PAs to be treated with equality and respect.

Sincerely,


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