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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Dr. Fasano:

Physician assistants have safely been prescribing under M.D.'s for many years. Education and training remains the same whether the supervising physician is a M.D. or D.O. We believe that the current restrictions on prescription writing under D.O.'s provide less effective care for patients. The time used to find the supervising D.O. to write a prescription could be used to spend more time with the patient if this law is changed. As a result, there would be less waiting time for the patients. As physician assistants, our goal is to provide patients with more access to healthcare and as the current restrictions stand, we feel that we are ineffectively doing so. Therefore, we are asking that prescription regulations be made the same for physician assistants working under both M.D.'s and D.O.'s. I am currently a physician assistant student enrolled in Pennsylvania. I hope that this does not hinder my employment in the future.

Sincerely,

Jessie Starr PA-S

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CC: Basil L. Merenda
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