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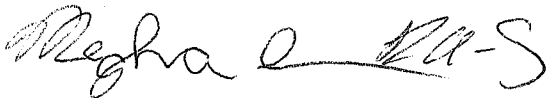
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Dear Dr. Fasano:

My name is Meghan Sullivan and I am a fourth year physician assistant student at St. Francis University. I am writing to you to request a change in the laws in regards to order and prescription writing for physician assistants who are supervised by a DO. For many years physician assistants have been able to safely prescribe medications under the supervision of a MD and I request that we also be able to prescribe under a DO as well. We are trained the same way no matter who our future supervisor will be. I don't see the logic that we are allowed to write orders and prescriptions for one and not the other even though we have the same training and knowledge under either one and they do as well. I feel that this creates an unneeded division in the medical profession which will only hurt our patients in the end.

I also believe that if this law is not changed that it will affect the patients more than it will affect us. Depending on the supervising MD, a physician assistant could see all of his patients and treat without having to waste the patient's time by having to find the physician to get approval for all that he tries to do. This also gives the supervisor, whether a DO or MD, more time to spend with his patients and less paperwork to do. I believe that giving physician assistants the right to write orders and prescriptions under a DO and MD will help to equalize both MDs and DOs. This will help patients to see us as the same and be able to trust us all in the treatments we choose for them.

Sincerely,



Meghan Sullivan PA-S

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