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Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am writing in support of the potential changes in prescriptive privileges for Physician Assistants in Pennsylvania. I believe that the regulations should be the same, whether the PA is employed by a MD or a DO. The training for Physician Assistants is exactly the same, regardless of the degree held by the supervising physician. Also, PAs have been safely writing prescriptions under MDs since the 1990's. Because of this, it is asinine to have regulations against prescriptive purposes under DOs. In my opinion, it is also derogatory to DOs because they are unable to function the same as a supervising MD.

I am a student in a Physician Assistant program, and sincerely hope that this legislation can be passed. The current regulations are restrictive, provide less access to healthcare, and ensure less effective care for patients. If this new legislation is passed, DOs will have more time to provide improved patient care.

Sincerely,



Ashley Wallace, PA-S

CC: Basil L. Merenda, Governor Edward G. Rendell