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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Dr. Fasano:

It is of growing concern among the Physician Assistants that the laws regarding prescriptive rights differ under an M.D. and a D.O. and we wish for the regulation to be the same. Physician Assistants have been safely prescribing under M.D.s since the 1990's which allows more time for patient interaction, less patients for the M.D. to see through a work day, and a better relationship based on the shared responsibility. Pennsylvania is the only state with different prescriptive laws and Physician Assistants go through extensive training to have the right to treat patients and give proper prescriptions just as they would under an M.D. I know I am just a student, but this issue has been brought up numerous times and our training and diligence through school should allow us the same rights as allowed in other states across the country. Many of us plan to practice in Pennsylvania but do not want limitations on prescriptive rights whether under a D.O. or M.D. I hope this does not impede any future career as a Physician Assistant, but our voices need to be heard as students in the midst of our training desiring to be competent health care providers. Thank you for your concern.

Sincerely,

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cc: Basil L. Merenda  
Governor Edward G. Rendell