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Dear Dr. Fasano:

PAs fill an essential role on the medical team. In order to fulfill their role to the fullest extent, they must be able to have prescribing rites that will simply be limited or expanded by their supervising physicians. If the State of Pennsylvania, we will lose many qualified physicians and PAs if this ability to prescribe is not granted to PAs. Why are we furthering distinguishing what prescribing rites a PA would have under DOs versus MDs? It seems to me that we are inadvertently saying that MDs are able to supervise a PA's prescribing rites however, DOs do not have this ability. Therefore, not only are we preventing PAs from performing the full extent of their role in order to provide primary care to our overflowing population of patients, but we are also reflecting poorly on DOs. We are limiting PAs AND DOs and more importantly we are not fulfilling our duty overall to provide the best care for our patients.

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