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Dear Charles P. Fasano, D.O.,

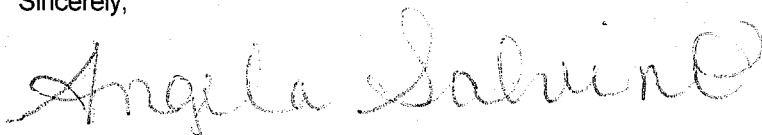
Physician Assistants should have prescribing privileges under osteopathic physicians that mimic the guidelines given by the allopathic board.

Physician Assistants have been safely prescribing with the supervision of allopathic physicians (MD) for years; as always, PAs work with the physician's supervision to ensure the patient get the best of care safely. With this success, PAs should have the privilege to prescribe medications under the supervision of osteopathic physicians (DO) and with the same guidelines as with MDs. Since PAs receive the same training whether they will be supervised by either a MD or DO, it will make health care more accessible because PAs will be able to perform to their utmost potential.

With is institution, patients will have better access to health care, reduced waiting times, increase availability of appointments, and allow physicians to spend more time on complicated cases. DOs will be more valuable to patients, hospitals, and practices if they are able to supervise PAs with delegated prescriptive authority. As a result, PAs will be more valuable to DOs with their prescriptive authority that means more practices will hire a PA. This is good news for students because it could mean more potential job openings for PAs in Pennsylvania which intern could encourage post graduates to stay in the state to work to their full capabilities. Therefore, this would help slow the "Brain Drain" of well-educated graduates from leaving the state for better opportunities.

With all points considered, it would be beneficial to both the patient and DO to establish the same allopathic prescriptive privileges to PAs supervised by DOs.

Sincerely,



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