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Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am a current physician assistant student at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. I support the regulation allowing DO's to delegate prescribing to PA's. Osteopathic physicians may be more likely to hire a PA when they are given prescriptive authority. This will in turn remove some barriers to care due to reduced waiting times, increased availability of appointments, allow the physician time to focus on more complicated case. The individual physician will decide whether his/her PA will prescribe (or not) and also what drugs the PA will be permitted to prescribe. PAs should have the same prescribing rights working under a DO as they would a MD.

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