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Governor Edward G. Rendell
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Dear Mr. Fasano, Ms. Merenda, Gov. Rendell:

I am a senior physician assistant student at Gannon University. I am writing in regards to the delegations for all physician assistants in Pennsylvania having the authority to prescribe medications.

Physician assistants will be more valuable to Osteopathic physicians with prescriptive authority, leading to more practices having the option to hire a physician assistant. In turn, having a physician assistant on staff can improve the medical practices overall by reducing waiting times, increasing the availability of appointments, and allowing the physician more time to focus on more complicated cases. This could mean more job opportunities remaining in Pennsylvania and as a student; I could have the opportunity to work to my fullest potential while remaining close to my family. In response, this could help slow the trend of well-educated graduates leaving the state in search of better opportunities.

In conclusion, physician assistants that have prescriptive authority can efficiently and effectively practice medicine under the supervision of DOs, as well as MDs, enabling the medical community to treat patients to our fullest potential.

Sincerely,



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