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Dear Dr. Fasano,

I am writing to you today in the hopes that the recent Act proposed to include prescriptive privileges for Physician Assistants working with Doctors of Osteopathic medicine will be finalized and approved. As a PA working in the Interventional Radiology field for the past five years, I can tell you that prescriptive privileges under the supervision of my attending physicians has been one of the independent functions that has helped run our practice smoother. That being said, the patient's case is reviewed with the attending physician, whether MD or DO, and they are fully aware that the patient will be seeing me for consultations and that I am writing prescriptions of all kinds, including for medications and follow up radiologic studies. I think it is important to stress that I work with both MD's and DO's and I see no difference in practice standards, and training. I believe that this regulation which hinders PA's from functioning to the full capacity of their job, is antiquated. I hope that this act is approved, as it would further alleviate the length of time that some patients have to wait for a medication prescription or a script ordering important lab studies or xrays to go through, especially on days when I'm working with the DO supervising physician. This does not noticeably occur everyday, but the potential for downtime is there. It becomes ever important in specialties such as ours, which has become more of a comprehensive clinical practice. I thank you for your attention to this matter and will be continuing to follow this matter as a decision is finalized.

Respectfully,
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