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Dr. Charles P. Fasano, D.O.  
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Dear Dr. Fasano:

As a Gannon University Physician Assistant student and future practicing PA, I believe prescribing medication under the supervision of osteopathic medicine should mirror rules and regulations of allopathic medicine for all physician assistants in the state of Pennsylvania. PAs undergo the same training and certification whether working under the supervision of a DO or MD and should be allowed to practice to their full extent. With a change in supervisory prescription under a DO, PAs can become a more valuable contribution to health care by providing the same care under DOs and MDs. A decrease in the amount of PAs leaving the state for better job opportunities will likely have a negative effect on the state's health care system. By mirroring prescription privileges for osteopathic supervised PAs, this will increase the job opportunities for physician assistant graduates and current practicing PAs in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

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