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Dear Dr. Fasano,

I am writing to ask for your consideration to allow PAs in the state of Pennsylvania to prescribe under the supervision of DOs. Seeing as how PAs have been safely prescribing under the supervision of MDs for years, it only makes sense that they should also prescribe with a DO. After all, the same training is given whether the PA is working for a MD or DO. DOs should be treated no differently than MDs in their ability to delegate prescriptive authority to their PAs. With prescription authority, PAs would be of much more value to a DO, saving them time and money. This prescription allowance would lead to more practices hiring PAs which in turn would improve patient care and access by reducing waiting times, increasing availability of appointments, and allowing the physician time to focus on more complicated cases. This move would also create more job opportunities for PAs to work in the state of Pennsylvania as opposed to going out of state for positions with DOs. I, personally, would very much like to work in Pennsylvania under either a DO or MD, but I would definitely choose the position in which I would have prescribing privileges.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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