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Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am writing this letter to request your consideration for PAs in Pennsylvania to have the ability to write prescriptions under osteopathic physicians. For years PAs have been safely prescribing under the supervision of allopathic physicians. Therefore, Osteopathic physicians should have the same ability to give prescriptive authority to their PAs. PAs with prescriptive authority will be extremely valuable to DOs because it will greatly improve access to care. It will reduce waiting times, increase availability of appointments, and most importantly, it will give DOs more time to focus on more serious and complicated cases. As a student, if PAs were granted the ability to prescribe under DOs then there would be a possibility of more potential job openings in Pennsylvania. Therefore, I would be more inclined to stay in the state if I could work to my fullest potential. Also, the increasing demand for healthcare providers will continue over the next several years. If the inability to prescribe under DOs continues, then more and more PAs will move out of state. In result, Pennsylvania will slowly lose PAs, which could eventually lead to a healthcare crisis.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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