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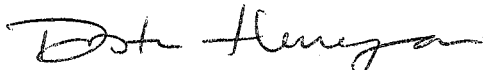
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Dear Dr. Fasano,

I have recently been informed that Physician Assistants in Pennsylvania supervised by a D.O. do not receive the same prescribing privileges as those who are supervised by a M.D. The fact that PA's receive the same amount of training regardless of who they will be supervised by speaks for itself. For years Physician Assistants have been prescribing under the supervision of M.D.'s to ensure patient safety. D.O.'s should be able to entrust prescriptive authority to their PA's just as a M.D. It is also important to keep in mind that the regulations should worded exactly the same as allopathic regulations in order to avoid confusion and maintain the same level of patient care. Because patient safety is our priority, each physician would decide whether their PA would prescribe drugs, and which drugs they are permitted to prescribe. Not only could this create more job opportunities, as a student I feel that I would be more willing to look for a job opening in the state if I was able to practice medicine to my fullest ability, and have the privilege to prescribe despite who I am being supervised by. Your time in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,



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