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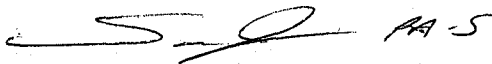
Dear Dr. Fasano,

I was recently notified that I, as a Physician Assistant Student in Pennsylvania, can help influence the Board of the PSPA to allow prescriptive authority for physician assistants under the supervision of osteopathic physicians. I find this personally appealing because of my ambitions to work under a DO, but I know that if I make that choice, I cannot work as easily in Pennsylvania. I also support the new proposal because it would alleviate patient confusion of who can and cannot prescribe for them and why since the osteopathic regulations would now mirror the allopathic regulations. Under the new regulation, patients would also not be limited to whom they see for their care due to the prescriptive inconvenience.

The physician-PA relationship proves to be a safe and effective team; DO's should be subject to the same privileges as MD's without the inconvenience of their PA's not having prescribing rights. This new prescriptive authority might lead to more DO-PA relationships than currently existing—more teams indicates more PA's, which indicates more patient-contact and time for physicians to concentrate on what they need to. I support the proposal for PA's to be able to prescribe under DO's and I hope the Board does as well.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Sara Juers, with the initials "AA-5" written to the right of the signature.

Sara Juers  
Physician Assistant Student

CC: Basil L. Merenda and Governor Edward G. Rendell