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Dear Dr. Fasano:

It has been brought to my attention that in the state of Pennsylvania not all Physician Assistants have the same prescription rights. This is a concern of mine, being a senior PA student at Gannon University. I am in the midst of earning my master degree and feel confident that by the time I graduate I will fully be capable of prescribing medications to my patients. This is true because as of now, PAs practicing under an allopathic doctor have full prescription rights.

As I am preparing to graduate I have taken the time to think about where I might want to practice. Unfortunately, the state of Pennsylvania has not been favorable to PAs, and I have decided not to stay in state. Other states have given equal rights to PAs practicing under an osteopathic doctor as allopathic doctors and I have already decided to relocate to one of these states. It is in our states best interest to mirror the allopathic prescribing rights so that future graduating PAs might have more interest in staying in state. The state of Pennsylvania has some of the finest PA programs in the nation and it would be best if we can get more of these well qualified students to stay in Pennsylvania to practice.

Sincerely,



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