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Dear Dr. Fasano,

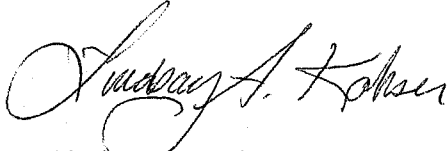
I am currently a fourth year Physician Assistant (PA) student at Gannon University writing in support of PAs gaining prescriptive rights under the supervision of Osteopathic physicians (DO).

PAs receive the same education and training regardless of whether they work for a DO or an allopathic physician (MD), and have been safely prescribing under MDs for years. Therefore, prescriptive rights under the supervision of a DO should mirror the allopathic rights, which will aid in the avoidance of any confusion. Gaining prescriptive rights will allow DOs more time to devote to their patients, as well as more involved cases.

Receiving a degree from a university in Erie provides me with many opportunities for jobs in neighboring states such as Ohio and New York. If given the opportunity to use my education to its fullest potential by having prescriptive rights under the supervision of a DO I may be more inclined to remain in Pennsylvania after graduation.

Thank you for your time and consideration on the issue of prescriptive rights for PAs working under the supervision of DOs.

Sincerely,



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