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Dear Dr. Fasano,

As a Physician Assistant student, I am writing in support of the proposed regulations regarding prescription privileges for Physician Assistants in the State of Pennsylvania. It is very important to me, as it is to many other P.A.s, that prescription privileges are given to us under the supervision of a D.O., just as it is currently under an M.D. This would allow for a better and more efficient physician-PA team. This would also allow the workplace to flow more smoothly, and give P.A.s the ability to perform their job to their fullest ability. It would also prevent longer waiting times for patients while they wait for their prescriptions. Please remember that in our training, we are well studied in pharmacology and writing prescriptions. We are competent and confident in our ability to prescribe.

Please allow individual D.O.s to determine in work agreements the extent of the P.A.'s prescription privileges. This would allow each individual D.O. to make a decision based on their trust and confidence in the P.A. whom they have hired.

I would like to go one step further in suggesting that the regulation's wording should mirror that of what is in existence for the allopathic regulations. This would prevent any confusion in the work place when a P.A. has different supervisors daily.

Thank you for your time and consideration,



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