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Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am writing this letter to you to ask for your support in obtaining osteopathic prescribing privileges. I will be graduating in approximately six months and I am concerned over the limitations that I will have as a practicing physician assistant in Pennsylvania. Currently, we are limited to practicing under medical doctors. If we are hired by a doctor of osteopathic medicine, we will have to give up a valuable privilege, prescription writing.

My personal opinion is that you and the state of Pennsylvania withdraw this regulation and allow us to work the same way for a medical doctor as a doctor of osteopathic medicine. We act as an asset to any practice. First, we provide a better access to health care. We are able to see patients who may have had to wait a week to get into the doctor's office. Physician Assistants are referred to as physician extenders and this would be going against our main purpose.

Physicians and physician assistants work well together. This would make the practice efficient and allow more openings in the schedule for individuals to get in. Finally, I feel as if it should be up the physician themselves to decide whether or not we are allowed to have prescription privileges through them. Ultimately, they are our supervisor and should have some say in what is going on with their practice. Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this very important issue.

Sincerely,

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