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Dear Dr. Fasano,

I am writing in order to support the proposed Osteopathic prescribing regulations for Physician Assistants in the state of Pennsylvania. Prescribing regulations for PAs allow patients to have better access to health care, and it allows the Physician-PA team to work more efficiently. If PAs are able to prescribe under a DO, they are able to care for more patients in a shorter period of time, and the health care system is able to work more efficiently. As a result of PAs acquiring prescribing privileges, the quality of care for patients increases.

Physician assistants are trained in pharmacology throughout our schooling, and we are trained to prescribe. PAs are able to prescribe under a MD, and we should be allowed the same privileges under a DO. Because some PAs specifically look for jobs working for MDs because they cannot prescribe under DOs, allowing prescribing privileges under a DO would open up jobs for PAs. It would also make PAs more willing to work under a DO. A DO should have the same access to PAs as his/her MD counterpart, in order to utilize PAs to the fullest. In order to do accomplish this goal, the wording in the osteopathic regulations should mirror the MD regulations.

I am currently a student, but as a future certified PA, I would appreciate the ability to prescribe under both MDs and DOs to utilize my education and my skills to the fullest. All health care providers have the same goal which is to provide patients with the highest quality health care possible. By supporting the Osteopathic prescribing regulations, we are ensuring that patients are receiving the best possible care.

Sincerely,

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