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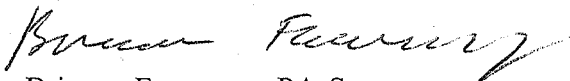
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Dear Dr. Fasano

I am a physician assistant student in Pittsburgh PA. As a student and a potential member of the workforce in Pennsylvania, I support the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations for Physician assistants. I believe that allowing PA's the same prescribing power under osteopathic physicians as we are allowed under their MD counterparts directly affects the hiring capabilities of practices and hospitals. D.O's struggled for years to gain the same rights as M.D's practicing medicine, and the proposed legislature would give them equal authority as M.D's. Patient care depends on the cooperation of all healthcare workers to work as a team. By undermining the education ability and usefulness of physician assistants working under D.O's, patient care is not optimal. As a prospective practitioner in the state of Pennsylvania this legislature is an important contributing factor to PA healthcare workforce, and will definitely affect my personal decision to stay in the state to practice.

Thank you very much, Dr. Fasano, for your time, effort and support in this matter. It means a lot to me and my fellow students.

Thank you,



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