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Dear Doctor Fasano:

I am writing on behalf of Physician Assistants in the State of Pennsylvania. PAs under allopathic physicians have been prescribing medications for treatment with great success for several years. Under the supervision of a physician, PAs that prescribe have the ability to use their extensive training to their maximal ability in order to benefit both the patient and the practice in which the PA is employed within. PAs have the same training whether they will be working under a DO or an MD. This improves access to care by reducing waiting times, increasing availability of appointments, and allowing the physician time to focus on more complicated cases. The physician should be able to decide whether his/her PA should have the ability to prescribe and what drugs the PA will have access to prescribe.

I am currently at the end of my PA schooling and am weighing many options as to where I would like to work and with whom I would like to work with upon graduation. Being from Pennsylvania I would like to stay in Pennsylvania to practice upon graduation and having the ability to prescribe if employed under a DO has a dramatic impact on my future plans. I believe the regulations should be exactly the same for PAs no matter if they are employed under a DO or an MD. Please consider this letter upon making your decision that will have such a dramatic effect on the future of health care in Pennsylvania.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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cc Basil L. Merenda
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