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Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am currently a physician assistant student at Saint Francis University, and I am writing in regard to the proposed regulations granting PAs prescriptive privileges when supervised by a DO. PAs have been prescribing under MDs for approximately ten years, and it makes sense that PAs should be allowed to prescribe under DOs since DOs are equally qualified to supervise PAs. Allowing PAs to prescribe under DOs would improve efficiency in delivering quality healthcare to patients by reducing waiting times. Also, it would eliminate confusion in situations where PAs are supervised by both MDs and DOs in the same practice.

Nurse practitioners already have prescriptive privileges when they collaborate with both MDs and DOs. PAs and NPs are important components of our healthcare system, both are fully trained and competent in prescribing, and should have equal rights in order to better serve our patients.

Sincerely,



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