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I am currently a PA student at Duquesne University. My family is from Pittsburgh and I wish to practice in Pittsburgh when I graduate. However I'm concerned about future job prospects due to limitations we face, especially with D.O.s. PA's have been prescribing in Pennsylvania for years under the supervision of a Physician MD.'s in Pennsylvania and D.O.s in many other states. To become licensed as a PA all students must demonstrate proficiency in Pharmaceutical knowledge. Our schooling is the same whether we are employed by a MD or a DO. PAs enjoy prescriptive privileges in other states under DO's and the system has worked out very well.

I strongly believe that osteopathic physicians should be given the same ability to delegate prescriptive authority to their employed PAs as their MD counterparts. As a future PA the scope of my abilities will directly affect my job prospects in Pennsylvania and my choice to remain here after graduation.

Sincerely,

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