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Dear Dr. Fasano:

I am writing in support of osteopathic physicians allowing physician assistants to prescribe medication.

I feel strongly about this because PAs receive the same training whether they will be supervised by a DO or an MD. PAs will be more valuable to DOs with prescriptive authority and patient care would improve. Patients will experience shorter waiting times and an increase in appointment times.

Delegating prescriptions to PAs could mean potential job openings for PAs in Pennsylvania. As a student, I would be more inclined to stay in Pennsylvania if I could work to my fullest potential.

Sincerely,



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