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Dear Dr. Fasano,

It has come to my attention, as a PA student, that delegation of prescribing prescriptions is being considered for practicing PAs in Pennsylvania working under doctors of osteopathic medicine. I feel that this privilege is something that would be very beneficial to all parties involved if it were put into action.

Implementing this privilege would mean that the atmosphere in which the PA and DO are working would run more efficiently, it would also allow the supervising physician more time to work on the more time consuming cases, and there would be more patients seen on a daily basis. These are positive outcomes for the doctor, PA and the patient community.

Also, it is known that PAs that work under allopathic doctors are able to prescribe to their patients, and because PAs undergo the same training whether they work for a DO or MD they should have the same opportunities. This would also increase the chances of graduating PAs staying in the state to practice rather than going elsewhere to work to their fullest potential.

Therefore, there are many benefits to delegating prescribing rights to PAs working under osteopathic doctors, which will be evident once the decision is made.

Sincerely,



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