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Dear Mr. Fasano,

My name is Bridger Philson and I am a freshman in Gannon University's physician assistant program.

It has come to my attention that Pennsylvania's Osteopathic Board of Medicine has proposed regulations to allow osteopathic physicians to delegate prescriptions to physician assistants they supervise, just as allopathic physicians currently do. This allowance would generate more opportunities for current and future physician assistants alike.

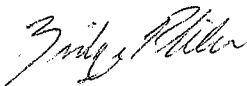
Physician assistants have been safely prescribing medications with the supervision of allopathic physicians for years. The physician, on- or off-site, is always available for consultation, which ensures safety for the patient. All physician assistants receive the same training regardless of their supervisors, resulting in equal competence to prescribe.

Osteopathic physicians will be more valuable to hospitals and patients if they are able to supervise physician assistants with prescriptive authority. Physician assistants will in turn be more valuable to osteopathic physicians, resulting in more practices hiring physician assistants. With the addition of physician assistants, the work load of the physicians would be reduced and more patients could be taken.

As a student, I feel prescriptive authority for physician assistant under osteopathic physicians will result in more job openings in the state. Being able to work to my full potential in any setting, I would feel more inclined to stay in Pennsylvania.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Bridger Philson