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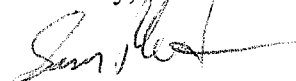
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Dear Dr. Fasano

My name is Sam Phonetheva, I am senior Physician Assistant student attending Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania. I believe that Physician Assistants should have the authority to prescribe medications under the supervision by an Osteopathic physician (DOs). Physician Assistants receive the same training whether we are supervised by a DO or an MD. In allowing the PAs to have the ability to delegate prescriptive authority this would save more time and it would let PAs to see more patients and care for patients. Physicians can focus more on complicated issues and cases. At the same time PAs would be more valuable with the prescriptive authority, which in turn more clinics, hospitals and practices may hire a PA. This would improve access to care by reducing waiting times and increasing availability for appointments.

I strongly believe that when I graduate and become a PA, I would seriously consider relocation out of the State of Pennsylvania to find a better opportunity without the prescriptive authority working under a supervision of a DO. We should try to keep our best and brightest graduates in the State of Pennsylvania and give them an incentive to want to stay and work in Pennsylvania. I feel that I would be more inclined to stay in the state where I attend school if given the opportunity to work to the best of my ability and fullest potential.

Sincerely,



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