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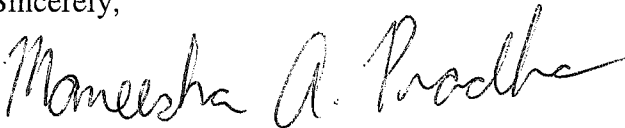
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Dear Dr. Fasano,

I am writing due to the recent review of possibly allowing osteopathic physicians to delegate prescriptions to Physician Assistants they supervise. There are a number of reasons I support the decision. First off, I am an undergraduate PA major attending Gannon University and have every intention of completing my college curriculum and become a practicing PA or PA-C. As of right now, PA's are able to prescribe under an allopathic physician which appears to be helping out the world of medicine on so many different levels. To help myself afford college, I waitress in downtown Erie where so many customers ask me what I'm going to school for and I tell them. About 80% know what a PA is and what a PA does and have encountered one while at a physician's office and I've only heard good things. People think it's wonderful that physicians are able to receive PA's on their staff and that they can do 85% of what a physician can do. It makes the healthcare system look more organized, professional, and satisfying.

Physician Assistants working under a D.O. should be allowed to write prescriptions because they do it under an allopathic physician already. It is not as if we're taught less if we plan to work for a D.O.; we're still doing to the same amount of schooling, with the same degree, and coming out with the same amount of knowledge. PA's and physicians work together to achieve a desired outcome, and by restricting what a PA can and can't do under a certain physician doesn't allow as much teamwork, and could also affect whether a PA would want to work for a D.O. Allowing PA's to have prescriptive authority would benefit a practice in allowing it to function more effectively. Healthcare is a teamwork system in which it only works when its qualified members are able to do what they've worked so hard to know and practice. We don't spend thousands of dollars and learn years worth of information to not do our best. We learn from the best, to do our best, and give the best like everyone else on the healthcare team. I hope I've made myself clear. Thank you for your time and efforts.

Sincerely,



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