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To Whom It May Concern:

I am currently a Physician Assistant student at Duquesne University in my fourth year of the program. As a student in this program I have a lot of interest in the controversial topic of prescribing regulations for Physician Assistants. When I graduate I hope to stay in the state of Pennsylvania to practice, however my ability to prescribe will be a key factor in this decision. From a students standpoint I can assure you that we work very hard to earn our degrees in this profession. When we graduate I feel that it is very important to use the skills that we have developed throughout or education. Placing limits on our ability to prescribe takes away from maximizing our skills. For years Physician Assistants have been safely prescribing with the supervision of allopathic physicians. All Physician Assistants receive the same quality education and are equipped with the skills and ability to prescribe regardless of who they work under. Another benefit to allowing Physician Assistants to prescribe under a D.O. is that it will eliminate the confusion in the clinical practice. This will improve the access to care because Physician Assistants who are supervised under D.O.'s will be able to practice to the full extent of their training. D.O.'s will actually benefit because more offices will be able to use Physician Assistants, therefore reducing waiting times, increasing the availability of appointments, and allowing the physician time to focus on more complicated cases. Please take this into consideration when making your decisions as this issue will affect our profession and the whole health care system over all. Thank you for your time and consideration in this important matter.

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