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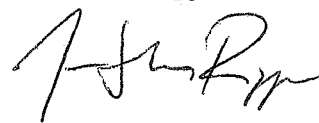
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am currently a fourth year student in Duquesne University's Physician Assistant Program. As a student I am feel that the issue that Physician Assistants are not allowed to prescribe medicine for Doctor's of Osteopathic Medicine is extremely imortant. I am writing you a letter in support of Physician Assistants being able to prescribe medications while working for a doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. I am planning on staying in Pennsylvania once I complete my schooling and would like to oppportunity to work for either a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine or a Doctor of Allopathic Medicine. Physician Assistant's have been prescribing medications for Allopathic physicians for many years now without experiencing any problems, and with our uniform education and national exam, if we are denied the ability to prescribe medications we are not fully living up to out potential. Physicians will still be able to control the drugs that we are able to prescribe, even if the law is passed. If we lack the ability to prescribe medications, then we are not helping the physician to the best of our ability. Please understand that this is a wonderful oppportunity for the Physician Assistant's to help benefit the Osteopathic profession of medicine and if this law is changed. The physician can still limit what Physician Assistant's prescribe, but there will be less time spent by the physician having to come see the patient just to prescribe medications that Physician Assistant's know how to do. More patients will be allowed proper assessment and care with the amount of time that will be saved. This change is legislature can only benefit both professions and progress patient care to a new level. Please realize the oppportunity before you and make the right decision, allow Physician Assistant's to prescribe medications under the supervision of Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine.

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