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Joseph C. Gallagher, Jr. D.O., Chairman
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Dear Dr. Gallagher:

I am writing in support of the proposed legislation which would give physician assistants working with D.O.'s parity with those working for M.D.'s in the ability to sign prescriptions.

I would like to see the situation resolved where my associate who is an M.D. can work with a P.A. who is able to sign prescriptions for patients while the physician assistant who I oversee must come to me to have the prescriptions signed.

I hope the Board finds in favor of this change.

Sincerely,

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