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Joseph C. Gallagher Jr., D.O. Chairman, Osteopathic Board of Medicine P.O. Box 2649 Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

RE: Prescriptive Authority for PAs under D.O. Supervision

Dear Dr. Gallagher:

I am writing to ask you to support the proposed regulations for delegated prescriptive authority for Physician Assistants under the supervision of osteopathic physicians. I understand the Board of Osteopathic Medicine has recently finished the proposed language for the delegated prescriptive authority.

The purpose of this regulation is to allow PAs prescriptive authority under the supervision of an osteopathic physician. I think that this is an important regulation for PAs. It will benefit the current PAs working under the supervision of osteopathic physicians and, also, the osteopathic physicians that have PAs practicing under their umbrella.

Although I live in New Jersey, I am a practicing PA in the state of Pennsylvania. I do not currently practice under an osteopathic physician; however, the option to have prescriptive authority under their supervision would be a beneficial option in future opportunities for any practicing PA.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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cc: Pennsylvania Society of Physician Assistants

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