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RE: Proposed Regulations for Prescriptive Authority for Physician Assistants

Dear Dr. Gallagher:

PHYSICIAN EXTENDERS

- Tabitha L. Conrad, PA-C**
- Alan M. Keefe, MPA-C**
- Gregory C. Murray, MPA-C**
- Christa L. Pontani, CRNP**

I am an orthopaedic surgeon practicing in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in Western Pennsylvania. We are in a rural community and I am a partner in an allopathic group and we depend very heavily on the work and support of our physician extenders, in particular, physician assistants. I kindly ask that you continue to support regulations that will allow our physician assistants prescriptive authority.

REHABILITATION

- Dennis A. Schultz, PT**  
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If you are in need any further questions that I can answer, I would be happy to do so. Again, I request your support for this measure.

ADMINISTRATION

- Thomas G. Honaker, III, FACHE**  
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Most sincerely,

Craig C. McKirgan, DO

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