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

Dear Dr. Gallagher:

We are a three physician practice involved in pulmonary and critical care. We are all board certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine. We presently employ a certified physician assistant who is key to the performance of this practice.

I am writing to support the proposed modification allowing PA's to have prescriptive authority under our supervision. We strongly feel that this is a key component of his scope of care, particularly in the present environment with need for availability for patients.

Again, we are grateful for your efforts and anxiously await the passage of this relation.

Sincerely,

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