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Dr. Gallagher,

I am writing in regards to the **Osteopathic Prescribing Regulations for Physician Assistants**. As a PA in the Commonwealth, I know how challenging it can be to have different regulations based on who the supervising physician is. When I was looking for employment in the state, having a MD versus a DO primary supervising physician definitely played a role in what jobs I considered even applying for. Having to forgo writing prescriptions whenever my physician for the day was a DO would have been a major obstacle.

Providing quality care to our patients is of utmost concern for all parties involved, and I sincerely believe that having the ability to prescribe medications while working under a DO physician will only improve that care. I love having a relationship with the physicians in my office where I can go to them with questions throughout the day. But having them sign all my prescriptions would significantly hamper everyone in the office.

I hope that you approve equal prescribing privileges for PAs working under any physician. I believe that this will help distribute the patient load for physicians who can now employ a PA without having to worry about tying up their day to sign a stack of prescriptions.

Thank you for your time and support.

Sincerely,

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