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

I am writing this letter in support of the proposed legislative changes with regards to Physician Assistant prescriptive authority. By allowing prescriptive authority for Physician Assistants employed by or supervised by Osteopathic Physicians, patients will benefit. These regulations will also strengthen the Physician/PA partnerships that already exist. This will eliminate confusion both in hospitals and private practices. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue.

Sincerely,



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