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Dear Dr. Gallagher,

Please take this letter into consideration as you prepare to move the physician assistant prescribing regulations through to law.

I have been privileged to employ and supervise a physician assistant for over five years. We've both been anxiously awaiting the day that she can practice to her full capabilities and begin prescribing for our practice. I have witnessed first-hand that her education has fully prepared her for this situation. The physician-PA team approach has worked extremely well for our practice and our PA's training has taught her to recognize her limits. Myself, as well as her substitute supervising physicians are always available for questions and consultations. This assures that care that our patients receive remains the best care possible.

These regulations are long overdue and I'm happy to see the board take action on this situation. Physician assistants have prescribed under allopathic physicians for years without significant incident and I'm confident that osteopathic physicians will see the same benefits to their practice without increasing their risks.

Thank you for your time and consideration in the situation.

Sincerely,



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