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Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter to inform you I support the proposed osteopathic prescribing regulations. These regulations should be worded exactly the same as the allopathic regulations to avoid confusion in the clinical setting. For many years now physician assistants have been prescribing medications safely with supervision. These prescriptive regulations will give the same ability to osteopathic physicians as their allopathic colleagues. This will allow physician assistants to utilize more of their education and training experiences. Prescriptive privileges will allow both physician assistants and osteopathic physicians to better serve their patients. Hospitals will be more likely to hire osteopathic physicians if physician assistants can prescribe medications. The bottom line is the supervising physician allows his/her physician assistant to prescribe or not to prescribe medications and the types as well. Thank you for your consideration to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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