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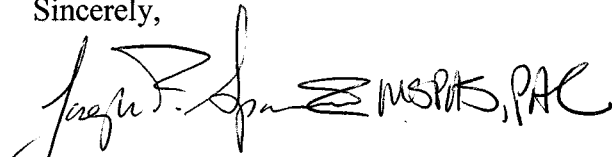
Dear Dr. Gallagher:

I am writing to ask you to support prescriptive authorities for physician assistants under osteopathic physicians. A disparity has existed too long in the legislature that has negatively impacted our profession and patient care. Physician assistants need to remain marketable, not only to allopathic physicians, but also to osteopaths. Instituting prescriptive authorities would allow for PA's to remain competitive mid-level providers.

The patients of Pennsylvania would benefit from such a decision. Prescriptive authorities are paramount to making ourselves available and extendable with our physician partners, therefore ensuring that we are the complete healthcare practitioner that our patients deserve and need.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



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