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Dr. Gallagher,

I am writing to support a change in State Board of Osteopathic Medicine to align its physician assistant prescription authority regulations with those of the medical board. I believe these changes will help to alleviate potential confusion the physician assistants experience when interacting with the MD's and DO's in mixed practices. It will also make it clear to other allied medical personnel in our office there is only a single set of standards when it comes to prescribing for physician assistants whether they are working with an allopathic or an osteopathic physician. I have increased work compared to my allopathic colleagues because of the current difference between board regulations regarding prescription authority for physician assistants.

I believe the currently proposed changes are necessary and appropriate to ensure continued safe and efficacious management of our patients.

Sincerely yours,

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