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Dr. Gallagher,

As an Osteopathic Physician I would like to show my support for Physician Assistants (PA's) to gain prescriptive authority under our licenses. I have witnessed PA's prescribe under the direction of allopathic physicians and feel comfortable saying that they have the training and clinical ability to prescribe medications safely and effectively. I feel we are underutilizing PA's at this time and they can be a valuable asset and resource in the future. If allowed to prescribe under Osteopathic Physicians a PA would allow our practice to function more effectively than what the current regulations state. Thank you for your time and consideration in the matter.

Sincerely,

Meghan McCarthy, D.O.

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