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Dear Dr. Gallagher:

This letter is in reference to proposed regulations for delegated prescriptive authority to physician assistants working under the supervision of osteopathic physicians.

I strongly request that you support this change in regulations. I, as many osteopathic physicians and surgeons, work in a group in common with allopathic physicians. It is extremely difficult to work efficiently in a practice setting such as this with physician assistants involved. Different prescription regulations become nearly impossible to follow.

I look forward the passage of these regulations. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

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