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Joseph C. Gallagher, Jr., D.O., Chairman
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Dear Dr. Gallagher,

I understand that regulations have been proposed to allow delegated prescriptive authority for physician assistants working with osteopathic physicians. If the regulations are passed, it will be wonderful news for our busy practice and patients.

My two-physician practice hired a physician assistant in December 2008 to improve patient access to quality medical care. The fact that *I* need to prescribe medications for patients seen by our competent and experienced PA decreases the efficiencies we sought to bring to the practice.

I urge you to support the proposed regulations which, if approved, will improve patient access to high quality primary and specialty care.

Sincerely,

Rajiv Jana, D.O.

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