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Joseph C. Gallagher, Jr., D.O.  
Chairman, Osteopathic Board of Medicine  
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Dear Dr. Gallagher,

As a physician assistant with over ten years of experience, I am writing to applaud and support the recent proposed regulations for delegated prescriptive authority for Pas working with osteopathic physicians.

I have worked in many settings in two different states over the past decade, but never worked with a D.O. until starting my current position three months ago. I work for a two-physician family practice group with one D.O. and one M.D. The mix of clinical skills is a great one for our patients. I was hired to decrease wait times for appointments, and we've made great strides in that arena.

As it stands now, the D.O. I support needs to write the prescriptions for patients I see when I'm working with him. This decreases the efficiencies I was meant to bring to the practice, unnecessarily prolonging patient waits.

I strongly support the proposed legislation, and I urge you to do the same.

Sincerely,



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