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Dear Dr. Gallagher:

I am a practicing family practitioner in West Middlesex, Pennsylvania and have been dealing with physician assistants now for the past 15 years and have had excellent outcomes and it has been a wonderful experience. I do not know how I can practice without them. Currently, my physician assistant has been with me now for over 10 years. I am encouraged that the regulations for delegated prescriptive authority are moving in a forward fashion and highly support that this be continued. I firmly believe that this is a very, very necessary function for the physician assistant. Once it becomes consistent with both boards, this will lead to a much smoother ability to function. Currently, I do have an MD in my practice who utilizes our PA and it does create some confusion. The oversight, I agree, is extremely important as are the delineated delegated tasks.

If I may be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely,

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