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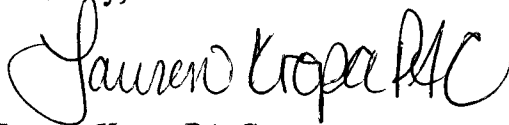
Dear Dr. Gallagher,

I have been working as a physician assistant in Harrisburg, PA since 2007. During schooling we are taught about prescription drugs and how and when to safely prescribe them. Little did I know that when I took a job with Dr. Paul Baughman, I would not be able to use this knowledge. Now, that I know the regulations inside and out, I probably would not have made that same mistake. Working for an osteopathic physician certainly has its pros but a huge con is the inability to use my knowledge to treat the patients that I see on a daily basis.

The confusion these regulations cause patients is frustrating. Working for an osteopathic physician makes me feel inadequate. I know I have the ability and the knowledge to safely prescribe medications but the regulations forbid me to use this knowledge. My colleagues that work for medical doctors have a much more rewarding career. They never have to explain to their patients why they cannot prescribe medications but the PA at their specialist or other doctor can. It's very demeaning to know that I had the same schooling, same board exam and same CME requirements but cannot get same the same prescriptive rights.

Approving the prescriptive right's for osteopathic PA's would definitely increase patient access to comprehensive medical care. It would also decrease patients' confusion and allow PA's that work for osteopathic physicians to have more rewarding careers. Myself, and my supervising physician are in full support of the proposed regulations and look forward to the possible passing of these regulations.

Sincerely,



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