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Dear Dr. Gallagher,

As a Physician Assistant, I feel that the current changes in the prescriptive regulations under an osteopathic physician should be changed. Physician Assistants are trained to provide complete care to patients, which include writing prescriptions. However, the current regulations under an osteopathic physician do not allow Physician Assistants to provide these services for our patients. These restrictions decrease the quality of care that patients receive from Physician Assistants, who have a doctor of osteopathic medicine as a supervising physician. I hope that this letter is taken into consideration when it comes to changing the current regulations for Physician Assistants under direct supervision of a doctor of osteopathic medicine.

Sincerely,

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