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TESTIMONY SUBMITTED TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE  
IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 2092

Chair Greenlick and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 2092 to change the name of the Physical Therapist Licensing Board to "Oregon Board of Physical Therapy."

As part of my private legal practice, I represent Oregon Physical Therapists in Private Practice (OPTIP), a trade group of 100 therapist-owned outpatient physical therapy clinics throughout Oregon. In my work for this group I regularly interact with the Board and support its important role in protecting the public through education and regulation of the profession.

The Board's current name implies that its function is merely to license physical therapists. The name does not effectively inform the public that it licenses and regulates physical therapist assistants as well as physical therapists. Changing the name to "Oregon Board of Physical Therapy" will provide better information to the public.

Thank you for your consideration.

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