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On Behalf Of: SB 408  
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Measure: SB408

I strongly urge you to let SB 408 die in your committee.

This legislation is not necessary. It appears to be creating a super authority and will result in professions that do not share the same education and backgrounds attempting to regulate each other.

There are already numerous scope of practice regulatory safeguards in place for Physician Assistants.

Some of these include:

Oregon Medical Board,  
Hospital Credentialing Departments,  
Practice site standards,  
Peer Review Committees,  
Standards of professional organizations such as Oregon Society of Physician Assistants and American Academy of Physician Assistants,  
Certification/Recertification by the National Commission on the Certification of Physician Assistants  
(CME, testing, additional qualification certifications)  
OMB Investigatory authority on reports from the public and colleagues regarding performance, professional behavior and competence.

I am a retired Physician Assistant with 40 years of practice in Oregon. I was Oregon Society of Physician Assistant legislative Co-Chair during the 1989 session led to the PA Masters Degree Program at Oregon Health Sciences University. I have been involved in PA legislation and with improvements to Oregon Medical Practice Act starting in 1979 which have enabled thousands of Oregon PAs to provide medical primary and specialty care throughout the State.

Respectfully,  
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