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On Behalf Of:
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Care
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am a physical therapist practicing in Gresham and I am writing in support of House Bill 3134. I am strongly in favor of seeing Oregon reform prior authorization in health care, including physical therapy.

This legislation is overdue and would greatly improve access to care for our patients. Currently and frequently, our patients experience delays in their ongoing treatment while insurance companies review their cases. It is not uncommon for these interruptions in care to take several weeks and can significantly set back the recoveries of patients. These delays are completely unnecessary and only serve to extend the pain and diminished function of Oregonians who are trying to access care.

This legislation would also decrease the administrative burden of our staff, allowing us to better spend our time on serving and caring for our patients. The current authorization process forces us to spend time and energy needlessly to satisfy arbitrary requirements of the insurance companies to seek their approval to continue patient care. As licensed health care providers, we are more than qualified to determine if ongoing care is appropriate and should be trusted to do so.

I hope you will support House Bill 3134, which is passed, would be a great benefit to both physical therapy patients and health care providers in Oregon. I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Parr, PT