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To Whom It May Concern,

As a physical therapist in Eugene Oregon, I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 3134. This legislation is a critical step toward improving patient access to physical therapy. Patient outcomes strongly correlate to timely access to care. Reducing the administrative burdens that hinder care delivery is vital towards improving outcomes and helping to improve to health of Oregonians.

Prior authorization requirements often delay care for those looking to regain function after injury or chronic illness. Delay in care lends itself to a population that is not as healthy which can have downstream implications to increased health care costs, missed time from work, and personal hardship. HB 3134's efforts to streamline or reduce prior authorization barriers is an important step towards a healthier Oregon.

I urge the Oregon Legislature to pass HB 3134. Passing this legislation would allow the physical therapy profession to direct their focus towards treating patients, not navigating the red tape involved with the administrative burden of insurance companies.

Thank you for your support.

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