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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3134

To Whom It May Concern,

As a physical therapist here in Oregon, I'm writing to share my support for House Bill 3134, especially its efforts to reform the prior authorization process for physical therapy services. This bill is an important step toward helping patients get the care they need without unnecessary delays or red tape.

In my work, I've seen how frustrating and harmful prior authorization requirements can be for patients. This means that people who are in dire need of care can often experience delays which can be detrimental whether they're recovering from an injury, dealing with chronic pain, or trying to regain mobility. Waiting for approval will only slow down progress, cause unnecessary stress, and sometimes even make their health worse. We as physical therapists have received the training and fought hard to be a form of primary care providers. HB 3134 would help cut through these barriers and allow physical therapists like me to focus on providing timely care that makes a real difference in people's lives.

By passing this bill, Oregon has the chance to make healthcare more efficient and patient-centered. I strongly encourage you to support HB 3134 and help us prioritize care over paperwork—we have to prioritize our patients/your constituents.

I want you to imagine a time when you were in pain. Or even someone you know. Your grandparents, your parents, or aunts/uncles or cousins, or even your children. You would not want to wait for paper work and red tape to go through to receive help, especially not when care can work on the issue immediately.

Thank you for considering this important issue!

Sincerely,
Yvonne Young