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On Behalf Of: Improved Patient Access to Care
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I am a licensed physical therapist practicing in Hillsboro, OR as well as part of our team that has a clinic in Banks, OR. I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 3824, introduced by the American Physical Therapy Association of Oregon.

As a dedicated physical therapist, I witness firsthand the vital role that physical therapy plays in improving the quality of life for patients of all ages. House Bill 3824 aims to enhance access to physical therapy services, which is essential for addressing the growing demand for rehabilitation and preventive care in our communities. This bill will not only strengthen the physical therapy profession but also ensure that our patients receive the timely and effective care they deserve.

One of the most significant aspects of this bill is its focus on expanding access to care for underserved populations. By reducing barriers to treatment, we can help individuals who may not have previously sought assistance due to financial constraints or lack of awareness. This proactive approach will lead to better health outcomes and reduced healthcare costs in the long run.

We have a clinic in Banks, OR which serves the rural communities of the Coastal Range. Some people travel over an hour in order to receive physical therapy care. We work of love to be able to ame the most of their time, efforts, and energy in order to deliver the best care that evidence supports.

Moreover, House Bill 3824 emphasizes the importance of evidence-based practice and continuing education for physical therapists. As healthcare providers, we must stay informed about the latest advancements in our field to deliver the highest quality of care. This bill supports our ongoing professional development, ultimately benefiting our patients and the healthcare system as a whole.

In conclusion, I urge you to support House Bill 3824. By doing so, you will be taking a significant step towards enhancing the health and well-being of our community members. Thank you for considering my perspective as a physical therapist and for your continued commitment to improving healthcare in Oregon.

Sincerely,

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