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On Behalf Of:

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Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Nelson and Javadi,

My name is Taylor Barnes, and I am an outpatient orthopedic physical therapist practicing in Eugene, Oregon. I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 3824. In my professional opinion, this bill has the potential to significantly improve patient outcomes, lower overall healthcare expenses, and streamline access to effective treatment by reducing existing obstacles and the time needed to seek care.

Moving from Colorado where dry needling is permitted by physical therapists, I have witnessed the benefits of utilizing this service for patients where we can provide a safe, effective treatment option supported by evidence-based research that optimizes patients' function, reduces pain and disability, and further expands patient access to care as well as the PT profession. Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Taylor Barnes, PT, DPT