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Please give physical therapists the ability to order imaging and provide durable medical equipment! I am a former professional ballet dancer and suffered a foot injury early in my career. Throughout the course of trying to diagnose and treat my injury, I saw several doctors and physical therapists. Most of the providers I saw struggled to properly diagnose and treat me because they were unfamiliar with the specialized movement that I was using when injured, as well as what I expected to be able to do post injury. The best treatment I received was from my physical therapist, Amy Werner, because she understood the very specific demands of my career. Because she was not able to do the things this bill proposes, I had to spend thousands of dollars on doctors who couldn't help me, simply because they were needed to order the necessary imaging, or to prescribe a walking boot. With this bill, these providers could have spent their time with patients they could help, and I would have gotten the help I needed more quickly and at a lower cost.