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Respected Members of the Senate Committee on Health Care,

I am writing to urge immediate support for the adoption of Oregon House Bill 3824, which would expand the Oregon Physical Therapy Practice Act, and function to modernize it. Physical therapists have been trained at the doctoral level for nearly 30 years, and as the training and scope of our capabilities have expanded, so should our rights and privileges as skilled providers who continue to be recognized as experts in the management of individuals with musculoskeletal conditions.

Please consider endorsing this Bill to offer members of our profession here in Oregon the privilege to prescribe durable medical equipment, authorize the order of diagnostic imaging, and optimize our scope of practice to align more closely with our training and established national standards. Oregon has lagged behind other adjacent states in allowing many of these privileges, and ultimately, this lack of progress creates a detriment to the public. Without your support, many vulnerable patients will experience delays in receiving timely, necessary access to care, and may encounter hang ups in the healthcare system that could lead to worsening of symptoms; this would impair their best quality of life.

Oregon is fortunate to have such an expanse of skilled, dedicated physical therapists who take pride in providing exceptional, evidence-support care for the members of our community. As a practicing physical therapist with 19 years of experience, and as a physical therapy educator for over 15 years, I urge you to invest in the thriving of our state and all who reside here with us. Given that it has been two decades since the last update the rules that govern physical therapy practice, the time has come to expand the influence of Physical Therapists and bolster the experience of health for our residents. We accept the responsibilities associated with these changes, and will honor your endorsement of expanding our privileges with humility and judicious concern.

Respectfully,



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