

May 8, 2025

House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care Oregon State Legislature 900 Court
St. NE Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for HB 3824A – The PT Modernization Act

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Heidi Wills, and I am an Occupational Therapist and Owner/Founder/ Directorat Authentic Hand Therapy, LLC in Medford, Oregon. I am reaching out to express my strong support for HB 3824A, the PT Modernization Act, which proposes critical updates to the scope of practice for physical therapists in Oregon.

As a healthcare provider, I witness daily the challenges that patients face in accessing timely and comprehensive care. HB 3824A would enable physical therapists to prescribe durable medical equipment and administer vaccines, streamlining essential services and reducing delays in care. This is especially crucial in rural and underserved communities where access to specialized services is often limited.

Additionally, the expansion of telehealth provisions aligns with current healthcare trends and patient expectations. Allowing physical therapists and physical therapist assistants to provide services via telehealth not only improves continuity of care but also ensures that patients can receive necessary treatment regardless of geographical barriers.

By empowering physical therapists to function more effectively within their scope of practice, HB 3824A fosters a more integrated and accessible healthcare system. I respectfully urge you to vote in favor of this important legislation to support the ongoing modernization of physical therapy practice in Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to advancing healthcare access and quality in our state.

Sincerely,

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