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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE  
IN SUPPORT OF HB 2092

Chair Monnes Anderson and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 2092 to change the name of the Physical Therapist Licensing Board to "Oregon Board of Physical Therapy."

As part of my private legal practice, I represent Oregon Physical Therapists in Independent Practice (OPTIP), a trade group of 100 therapist-owned outpatient physical therapy clinics throughout Oregon. In my work for this group I regularly interact with the Board and support its important role in protecting the public through education and regulation of the profession.

The Board's current name could be read to imply that its function is merely to license physical therapists. The name does not effectively inform the public that the Board licenses physical therapist assistants as well as physical therapists. Changing the name to "Oregon Board of Physical Therapy" will also better inform the public that the Board regulates not only the profession but also the practice of physical therapy.

Thank you for your consideration.

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