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To: Senator Wlnsvey Campos

From: Dr. Kristin Nxumalo

Subject: Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact/ HB 2357

Dear Senator Campos,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am a member of the Occupational Therapy community and your constituent. I live in your district on 18742 SW Whiteoak Lane, Beaverton OR. I have been an occupational therapist working in both acute care practice and academia for 10 years and have been serving our community 2021 after relocating back to my home state of Oregon from California. I currently am an Assistant Professor at Western Oregon University's Occupational Therapy Doctorate program where we are excited to serve the students and future health care professionals of Oregon. Many of my colleagues and students work and live in or near underserved communities on the borders of both Washington, Idaho and Northern California. It is my sincere hope that we find a way to approve licensure compact that would allow occupational therapy practitioners to provide critical services that are needed in these communities without the undue burdens of holding and paying for multiple state licenses.

The Occupational Therapy Association of Oregon (OTAO) has been busy working to prepare for the 2025 Legislative session and has advocated for HB 2357 to be considered. As a member of the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care, we expect this bill to be one that you consider this session, so I am writing to express my thoughts on it.

The OT Licensure Compact is a pivotal initiative that enhances licensure portability and empowers member state regulatory boards to better protect consumers through effective sharing of licensure information. Previous interstate compacts have successfully lowered barriers and administrative duties for practitioners seeking to provide services in multiple states. Importantly, the OT Compact upholds the authority of each member state to regulate the profession, requiring all practitioners to comply with the laws and scope of practice of the state where they work.

I strongly urge you to support the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact/HB 2357. It is essential that our lawmakers prioritize the health and wellbeing of all Oregonians, which includes access to occupational therapy services. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I appreciate



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your service and dedication to our community. I hope to see you continue to support positive changes that reflect the needs and concerns of your constituents.

Sincerely,

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