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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2357

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to express my full support for Oregon HB 2357, which seeks to establish an occupational therapy state licensure compact. As a private practice occupational therapist specializing in perinatal and infant health, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges that many of my clients face in accessing timely and effective services. This compact would significantly enhance our ability to provide essential care to Oregonians by allowing licensed occupational therapists to practice across state lines more efficiently.

The perinatal period is critical for both the mental health of mothers and the developmental well-being of infants. By participating in the compact, we can ensure that more families receive the support they need, irrespective of geographical constraints. The flexibility provided by the compact will allow me to collaborate with colleagues in other states, share best practices, and stay updated on the latest treatment modalities that can benefit my clients.

Additionally, the compact will help address workforce shortages and facilitate a more streamlined approach to licensure, thereby reducing bureaucratic barriers and increasing the accessibility of services for the families we serve. It promotes a standardized practice of occupational therapy, ensuring quality care irrespective of where the provider is located.

I urge you to consider the positive impact HB 2357 will have on our community and our profession. By supporting this legislation, you are championing not only the occupational therapy profession but also the health and well-being of Oregonians during a pivotal time in their lives. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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