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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3134

To Whom It May Concern,

I have been practicing as a physical therapist for six years in Oregon. I am writing to urge you all in the Oregon legislature to support House Bill 3134, especially its efforts to reform the prior authorization process for physical therapy services. This bill is an important step toward helping patients get the care they need without unnecessary delays or red tape.

In my work, I've seen how frustrating and harmful prior authorization requirements can be for patients. These delays often mean people have to wait longer for treatment—whether they're recovering from an injury, dealing with chronic pain, or trying to regain mobility. Waiting for approval can slow down progress, cause unnecessary stress, and sometimes even make their health worse. I have seen these effects first hand on patients by the time they finally reach my care. HB 3134 would help cut through these barriers and allow physical therapists to focus on providing timely care.

By passing this bill, Oregon has the chance to make healthcare more efficient and patient-centered. I hope you'll support HB 3134 and help us prioritize care over paperwork—it's a win for everyone involved.

Thank you for considering this important issue!

Sincerely,

Paul Guerra, DPT