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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3824

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 3824, which expands the scope of practice for physical therapists in Oregon. As someone who deeply values safe and effective patient care, I believe this legislation is both practical and necessary.

Physical therapists who hold doctoral degrees undergo extensive education and training in anatomy, physiology, diagnostics, and therapeutic interventions. They are exceptionally qualified to assess musculoskeletal conditions, recommend appropriate interventions, and ensure patient safety throughout the course of care. Granting physical therapists the ability to prescribe durable medical equipment, administer vaccines, and certify disability parking permit applications reflects their level of expertise and allows for more timely, efficient patient care.

These changes will reduce unnecessary delays, enhance access to essential services, and better utilize the full capabilities of physical therapists — all while maintaining high standards of patient safety and oversight.

I respectfully urge you to pass HB 3824 and support the continued modernization of Oregon's healthcare system.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Dr. Josh Hagemeyer PT, DPT