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On Behalf Of:

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Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB3824

I am writing to express my strong support for HB 3824, which seeks to enhance the role of physical therapists in Oregon's healthcare system. This bill proposes several key changes:

- Prescriptive Authority: Allowing physical therapists to prescribe durable medical equipment.
- Vaccination Administration: Permitting physical therapists to administer vaccines to individuals aged seven and older, with provisions for younger patients under certain conditions.
- Disabled Parking Permit Certification: Enabling physical therapists to sign and date certificates for disabled person parking permit applications.
- Sonographic Equipment Use: Exempting physical therapists from obtaining additional licenses to use sonographic equipment for physical therapy purposes.
- Board Membership Requirements: Modifying the membership criteria for the Oregon Board of Physical Therapy.

These changes will streamline patient care, reduce administrative burdens, and improve access to essential services, particularly in underserved communities. By empowering physical therapists with these responsibilities, we can ensure timely interventions and better health outcomes for Oregonians.

I urge you to support HB 3824 and help advance our state's commitment to accessible and efficient healthcare.