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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3824

Dear Chairs,

I am a physical therapist, and although I am no longer practicing in Oregon, I am writing to support this bill. I cannot tell you how much authorizing physical therapists to order diagnostic imaging, certify a patient's disability placard or license plate application, permitting the prescription of durable medical equipment (DME), and allowing dry needling as part of our treatment toolbox would have expanded my ability to practice.

We go to school for 3 years on top of our 4 year undergrad programs to achieve a doctorate in physical therapy so that we can receive the education needed to qualify us to do all of the things listed above and I promise you, we are qualified, we just need the authority and permission legally to be able to expand our care for our patients in this way.

I encourage you to support this bill, expanding what physical therapists are allowed to do and allowing us the full use of our educations to be able to help and cure our patients.

Sincerely,  
Laurel Wolfzinger, PT, DPT