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As a physical therapist practicing in Oregon, passage of HB 3824 is vitally important because it recognizes the vital role that PTs play in Oregon's health care system and the rigorous training, education, and experience that PTs bring to serve our patients. Personally, passage of HB 3824 would improve my ability to serve patients by being given the opportunity to prescribe durable medical equipment. We are healthcare providers on the front line who assess and can fit patients for the medical equipment needed to improve their lives. We go into their homes and provide treatment which gives us additional insights into their needs.

Dry needling is a physical modality that physical therapist are allowed to provide in other states in the USA. It is a non-invasive, conservative treatment for pain that helps patients avoid use of opioids. Physical therapists are musculoskeletal experts and highly qualified to provide this treatment that can better the lives of our patients.