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On Behalf Of: Improved Patient Access to Care
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3824

I am writing to express my strong support for HB 3824A, which proposes essential updates to the practice of physical therapy in our state. By authorizing physical therapists to prescribe durable medical equipment, administer vaccines, utilize sonographic equipment, and perform dry needling, this bill enhances patient access to timely and effective care, especially for those in rural or underserved communities.

Furthermore, allowing physical therapists to sign disabled parking permit applications simplifies processes for patients with mobility challenges. This ability is vitally important especially given Oregon's shortage of providers and can help ensure that patients get adequate accommodations quickly and without unnecessary delay.

These changes reflect a commitment to modernizing healthcare (critical in the post-pandemic era) and optimizing the utilization of our skilled healthcare workforce. I urge you to support HB 3824A to improve healthcare outcomes for Oregonians. Thank you always for your time.

Sincerely,

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