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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3824

My name is Trevor Hensel, and I am writing to express my strong support for Oregon House Bill 3824 (HB 3824), which seeks to expand the scope of practice for licensed Physical Therapists (PTs) in Oregon. As someone engaged to a dedicated physical therapist, I have witnessed firsthand the profound impact that PTs have on patient care and the challenges they face within the current healthcare framework.

Currently, patients often experience delays in receiving necessary equipment or accommodations due to the need for additional referrals from other healthcare providers. By empowering PTs to prescribe DME and authorize parking permits, HB 3824 would reduce these delays, facilitating quicker access to essential resources and improving overall patient satisfaction and care.

Giving PTs more autonomy would alleviate some of the burdens on other healthcare professionals, allowing for a more efficient distribution of responsibilities within the healthcare system. This redistribution can lead to more timely care and a reduction in patient wait times.

HB 3824 reflects a commitment to evidence-based practice by recognizing the advanced training of PTs and permitting them to utilize their full skill set. Allowing PTs to perform these functions would enable them to deliver more comprehensive care, addressing patient needs promptly and effectively. This approach not only enhances patient outcomes but also promotes a more efficient and responsive healthcare system.

I urge the committee to support HB 3824, as it represents a progressive step toward optimizing patient care and improving the efficiency of our healthcare system.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, ?

Trevor Hensel