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My name is Rose Marie Yasuda. I am a competitive dancer, in a dance style that's extremely high-impact. As an adult, I put myself at particularly high risk of injury as I pursue my passion for dance. For the past several years, I have been heavily reliant on my Doctor of Physical Therapy as I've dealt with injuries in my feet, ankles, knees, and hips. Without her care, any number of these injuries could have effectively ended my dance career. Instead, I am able to continue dancing without any physical limitations.

I am strongly in support of House Bill 3824. It is crucially important that the title of DPT is earned and indicates a defined level of experience and knowledge so that people like me who are reliant on this type of care can know that they're receiving it from a qualified professional. My DPT absolutely knows, beyond a shadow of a doubt, when I need imaging or basic medical equipment, based on her expansive knowledge, so it is frustrating to have to go through other channels to access these. There have been times when she has recommended imaging that I've been unable to get due to the unreasonable amount of wait time it would have taken to get imaging ordered from another medical professional. Giving DPTs the ability to order imaging and prescribe equipment would save time and money for patients, to the benefit of all involved.