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On Behalf Of:
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Good Day, esteemed members of the committee,

My name is Sally Beggs, and I am a primary care provider practicing in Oregon. I am here today to express my strong support for this legislation that makes important updates to the laws governing physical therapy practice in our state.

As a primary care provider, I see firsthand how collaborative, efficient, and patient-centered care can significantly improve health outcomes. This bill enhances the ability of physical therapists to serve as integral members of the healthcare team by expanding their scope of practice in ways that will benefit our patients.

Specifically, authorizing physical therapists to prescribe durable medical equipment will streamline the process for patients needing assistive devices, reducing delays and ensuring timely access to necessary tools for mobility and independence. Allowing physical therapists to administer vaccines to specified individuals will also help increase vaccination rates and improve public health, especially in underserved areas where access to healthcare providers may be limited.

Furthermore, permitting physical therapists to sign and date certificates for disabled parking permits recognizes their role in assessing functional limitations and streamlines administrative procedures for patients with disabilities. The removal of the exemption from licensing requirements for sonographic equipment used in physical therapy would allow therapists to utilize advanced diagnostic tools more efficiently.

Overall, these changes will enhance the quality, efficiency, and accessibility of care for our patients. I strongly support this legislation and encourage its swift passage to improve health outcomes and streamline services within our healthcare system.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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