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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3824

As a practicing physical therapist in Oregon, I am writing to express my strong support for HB 3824A. This legislation is critically important because it recognizes the vital role physical therapists play in our state's health care system, as well as the extensive education, training, and clinical experience we bring to our patients every day.

HB 3824A includes several key provisions that will improve patient care across Oregon:

It would allow physical therapists to certify a patient's disability placard or license plate application. With the current shortage of health care providers in Oregon, this provision would reduce delays and improve access to necessary accommodations for patients who need them most.

The bill would also authorize physical therapists to order and interpret imaging, which would significantly enhance the timeliness of care—particularly in rural communities. More than ten other states have already adopted similar measures, reducing patient costs and improving outcomes through faster diagnostic processes.

Importantly, the bill ensures patient safety by protecting the title “Doctor of Physical Therapy” or “DPT,” reserving its use only for individuals who have earned a doctoral degree in physical therapy. This measure will help uphold professional standards and prevent misuse or misrepresentation of credentials.

I urge you to support HB 3824A and help Oregon continue to move toward a more accessible, efficient, and patient-centered health care system.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Amy Tanous, DPT, Physical Therapist