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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Margaret Schmitt. I have received dry needling from a licensed physical therapist in another state and I am writing to urge you to support HB 3824, specifically the provision that would allow physical therapists to perform dry needling. Having experienced the effectiveness of dry needling for both wrist and hip injuries/dysfunction, I can speak to the efficacy and safety of the intervention. Choices for receiving care that have a high likelihood of success for health care consumers in Oregon is currently limited by restricting the practice of dry needling to exclude licensed physical therapists.

Furthermore, having experienced both acupuncture from a licensed acupuncturist and dry needling by a licensed physical therapist, I can speak to the marked difference between the two techniques. Each technique has a different approach and expected outcome and equating dry needling to acupuncture is a false equivalence.
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I encourage you to support the inclusion of dry needling into physical therapy practice by supporting HB 3824 in its entirety.