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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing to express my strong support for Oregon House Bill 3824, which seeks to modernize and expand the scope of practice for physical therapists in our state. As a [physical therapist/healthcare professional/patient advocate], I believe that the provisions outlined in this bill will significantly enhance patient care, improve healthcare efficiency, and reduce barriers to accessing necessary treatments.

Enhancing Patient Access and Care

HB 3824 authorizes physical therapists to prescribe durable medical equipment (DME), administer vaccines to specified individuals, and sign certificates for disabled person parking permits. These provisions will enable physical therapists to provide more comprehensive care, reducing the need for patients to visit multiple healthcare providers for services that can be delivered within the physical therapy setting.

Streamlining Healthcare Delivery

By allowing physical therapists to utilize sonographic equipment for physical therapy purposes without the need for additional licensing, HB 3824 promotes efficient use of healthcare resources. This change will facilitate timely diagnostics and treatment, leading to better patient outcomes and reduced healthcare costs.

Supporting the Physical Therapy Profession

The bill also proposes changes to the membership requirements for the Oregon Board of Physical Therapy, ensuring that the board reflects the diverse expertise within the profession. This will contribute to more informed decision-making and policies that support the advancement of physical therapy practice in Oregon.

Conclusion

For these reasons, I urge the committee to support HB 3824. This bill represents a forward-thinking approach to healthcare that prioritizes patient access, efficiency, and the advancement of the physical therapy profession.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

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