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On Behalf Of: Improve Patient Access to Care
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3824

My name is Brice Leion, and I am a licensed physical therapist practicing in Oregon. I am writing in strong support of House Bill 3824A.

This bill represents a vital step forward for healthcare in Oregon by modernizing the scope of physical therapy practice to better align with national standards and meet the evolving needs of our communities. By allowing physical therapists to prescribe durable medical equipment, administer certain vaccines, and certify disability placards, HB 3824A reduces barriers to timely care, especially for patients in rural or underserved areas.

Furthermore, the bill's provisions to strengthen regulatory oversight, ethical accountability, and licensure standards ensure that we continue to deliver safe, high-quality care to Oregon residents. These updates not only support the profession of physical therapy, but also empower us to be more effective members of interdisciplinary care teams.

I respectfully urge the committee to support HB 3824A. It is a patient-centered, evidence-informed update that will improve access, efficiency, and safety across the healthcare system.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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