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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3824

Dear Committee Chairs,

My name is Ethan, and I am an Oregon resident. As a committed advocate for evidence-based, accessible, and patient-centered care, I strongly support Oregon House Bill 3824 in its entirety. This bill is a thoughtful, comprehensive update to the scope of practice for physical therapists, reflecting their education, training, and evolving role in modern healthcare.

Among the most impactful provisions is the formal recognition of dry needling as within the scope of licensed physical therapists. Dry needling is a well-established, effective technique used to treat musculoskeletal pain and dysfunction. Physical therapists are uniquely qualified—through advanced training and clinical education—to perform this procedure safely and effectively. Recognizing this in statute protects patient safety while increasing access to a valuable, often hard-to-find service.

The bill also allows physical therapists to prescribe durable medical equipment and order imaging, both of which will reduce barriers to care and help patients receive timely treatment and support, especially in complex cases. This will ensure that PTs can use modern tools without administrative redundancy, and updates to the Board's membership requirements will help align regulation with current best practices in the field.

HB 3824 supports both the autonomy of qualified providers and the well-being of Oregon patients. I urge the legislature to pass this bill without delay.

Thank you,  
Ethan Klein