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Dear Committee Members,

I would like to express my strong support for House Bill 3824. Physical therapists undergo years of training in anatomy, pathophysiology, biomechanics, therapeutic intervention and multiple clinical rotations in preparation to provide care at a doctorate level to community members. This bill will ensure that physical therapists are able to practice at the top of their licenses to offer effective and time efficient treatment.

Allowing physical therapists to order imaging and prescribe durable medical equipment will both streamline and lower wait times for patient care. Adding dry needling to the physical therapist's scope of practice will widen the tools available to treat muscular function. Protecting the DPT title for those who have undergone a Doctor of Physical Therapy program will ensure that patients will be able to trust provider credentials.

I urge you to help modernize the practice of physical therapy in Oregon so its residents can benefit from the most comprehensive care available.

Thank you for your time.