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To: Members of the Oregon Legislature

Re: Support for HB 3824A – Physical Therapy Modernization Act

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Milana Ivkovic, and I am a Doctor of Physical Therapy practicing at Whole Body Health Physical Therapy in Tigard. I am writing in strong support of HB 3824A, the Physical Therapy Modernization Act, which is an essential step toward aligning our professional scope with the current needs of Oregon's patients and healthcare system.

This legislation is not about expanding into unfamiliar territory; rather, it recognizes the clinical competencies we already possess. For example, physical therapists are trained in the appropriate prescription of durable medical equipment (DME) and have long been instrumental in ensuring patients receive assistive devices that are both medically appropriate and cost-effective. However, current regulations unnecessarily delay patient care by requiring a redundant sign-off from another provider. HB 3824A would eliminate this inefficiency, allowing us to better serve our patients in a timely manner.

Additionally, the bill's provisions to authorize vaccine administration and certify disability for DMV parking permits are practical, safe, and evidence-based. We are already licensed, regulated healthcare providers with doctoral-level training in clinical decision-making and patient safety. These responsibilities are well within our capabilities and would significantly improve access—especially in underserved and rural communities where healthcare options are limited.

I also commend the bill's forward-thinking approach to telehealth. The flexibility to provide virtual care helps address longstanding barriers related to transportation, mobility, and geography, while maintaining high standards of therapeutic effectiveness and patient engagement.

Modernizing the Oregon Practice Act is not just a professional issue—it's a patient access issue. Every day, I see firsthand how unnecessary regulatory delays can impair recovery, increase healthcare costs, and cause frustration for those already navigating complex health journeys. HB 3824A respects the clinical training of physical therapists and empowers us to deliver the kind of responsive, high-quality care Oregonians deserve.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration. I urge you to vote yes on HB 3824A and bring Oregon in line with best practices adopted by many other states.

Sincerely,

Milana Ivkovic, DPT