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

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Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 3824 – “Needle Insertion” regarding the scope of practice for Physical Therapists. Allowing unqualified practitioners to perform dry needling constitutes scope creep and poses significant risks to patient safety.

It is important to recognize that licensed acupuncturists dedicate an entire four-year degree to thoroughly assess and treat the root causes of patient concerns. They possess specialized training to ensure safe and effective needle insertion practices. Diminishing this expertise by rebranding or expanding dry needling under the Physical Therapist scope is dangerous and undermines professional boundaries.

Physical therapists should focus on their core competencies and leave acupuncture to those trained specifically for it. This ensures patients receive appropriate, safe, and effective care from qualified professionals.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

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