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RE: Support for HB 3824A – The PT Modernization Act

Dear Chair Nosse and Members of the Committee,

My name is Tracey Gorham, and I am a licensed Physical Therapist Assistant practicing at Mountain Valley Therapy in La Grande, Oregon. I am writing in strong support of HB 3824A, the Physical Therapy Modernization Act.

As a PTA who has served Oregonians for years, I've seen how essential timely, uninterrupted access to physical therapy is—especially in our rural and underserved communities. HB 3824A would bring Oregon in line with national standards by enabling physical therapists to join the PT Compact, easing licensure burdens, and facilitating smoother transitions for professionals moving into or practicing across multiple states.

While I personally haven't navigated multistate practice, I work alongside PTs who could benefit from the flexibility this bill offers. More importantly, patients would benefit from reduced gaps in care when therapists can practice without waiting for redundant paperwork or delayed licensure approvals. This is not just a professional issue—it's a patient access issue.

The PT Compact is already active in most states, and it's time Oregon caught up. HB 3824A also smartly updates outdated statutes and simplifies processes for both providers and the licensing board. These changes reflect how the profession and technology have evolved, without compromising public protection or oversight.

Thank you for considering this important legislation. I urge you to vote yes on HB 3824A and help modernize physical therapy practice in Oregon—for the sake of both providers and the patients we serve.

Sincerely,  
Tracey Gorham, PTA