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I am writing in support of passing HB4824. It adds multiple abilities to PTs' scope of practice that can greatly benefit patients while making healthcare provision more efficient. I would argue that PTs and OTs are in a better position than any other profession to determine whether somebody should have a handicap placard. Also, since PTs receive ample education regarding when diagnostic imaging is necessary providing the ability to order imaging could speed decision making for a patient to guide them to the correct intervention without unnecessary delays caused by requiring PT to contact the provider and wait for the provider to be available to listen and make an imaging decision. Finally, allowing PTs to utilize dry needling would provide additional evidence-based, non-pharmaceutical interventions to address patients' pain. PT's receive much more formal education regarding anatomy, physiology, and pain science than acupuncturists who oppose this acknowledge. To graduate from my PT program, I completed three musculoskeletal courses, one gross anatomy course, and two neuroscience courses, all of which lasted the entire semester. This robust education puts PTs in a position where they can go to a course over a weekend and learn how to safely and effectively dry needle.