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On Behalf Of:

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I own and operate my own practice in La Grande, Oregon (Athletic Advantage Physical Therapy, LLC). The expansion of this bill would mean so much for rural healthcare in Eastern Oregon. Currently I have patients waiting up to three weeks to get into their PCP in order to get imaging referred, when I have already been seeing the patient and have recommended it. I then have to send patients into Washington/Idaho in order to see their PCP just for a referral. Time is wasted and money that could be saved is instead spent for no reason.

In addition, the expansion of the act would allow for improved care for my patients. I have to currently refer to several different practitioners in town who lack availability and/or have patients cross state lines in order to access dry needling (which many are asking for profusely!). Having the ability to get my own certification would significantly improve my own practice's competitiveness and allow me to serve the population better.

Thank you for your consideration. It is beyond time we update our practice act. Can we really have Idaho be a more progressive state than Oregon!? No thank you!

Please support HB 3824.

Sincerely,
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