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RE: Support for HB 3824A – The Physical Therapy Modernization Act

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

As a practicing physical therapist at Alpine Physical Therapy in Bend, I urge you to support HB 3824A, the Physical Therapy Modernization Act. This legislation brings long-overdue updates to our scope of practice in Oregon, aligning us with the modern demands of patient care and the standards followed by many other states.

Every day, I work with patients who would benefit from streamlined access to services that this bill would enable. Whether it's providing durable medical equipment, administering a vaccine, or facilitating a parking permit for a patient with mobility challenges, HB 3824A would allow me to act more efficiently and compassionately — within the clinical judgment and expertise I'm already trained to deliver.

For example, my patients often experience unnecessary delays when we have to refer them elsewhere for basic items like walkers or braces. With this bill, we can cut out that red tape and improve patient outcomes while reducing healthcare costs. The same goes for expanding our ability to administer vaccines and to utilize diagnostic sonography — tools that are already integrated into best practices nationally.

This is not about expanding our profession for its own sake. It's about aligning Oregon's physical therapy laws with what's already considered standard, safe, and effective across the country. HB 3824A strengthens public health, patient access, and interdisciplinary care — especially in regions like Central Oregon, where timely care options can be limited.

I urge you to vote yes on HB 3824A. It is a thoughtful, evidence-based step forward that supports both providers and the Oregonians we serve.

Sincerely,

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