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To: Members of the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care

Re: Support for HB 3824A – Physical Therapy Modernization Act

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Nidhi Samosawala, and I am a licensed physical therapist practicing at Impact Physical Therapy of Hillsboro. I write today in strong support of HB 3824A, the Physical Therapy Modernization Act.

This bill is not simply a bureaucratic update—it is a necessary step forward for the patients we serve and the profession we represent. Every day, I work with individuals striving to regain mobility, independence, and function. Yet my ability to deliver timely, effective care is often hindered by outdated statutes that no longer reflect the realities of clinical practice, particularly regarding our professional scope.

Oregon's current statute has not kept pace with the evolution of physical therapy. As a result, my colleagues and I are routinely placed in gray areas where modern techniques and evidence-based treatments aren't clearly supported—not because they're unsafe or unproven, but because our legal scope hasn't been updated in over a decade. HB 3824A would bring clarity and alignment between our education, licensure, and legal authority.

Moreover, this bill empowers the Oregon Physical Therapy Licensing Board to define scope based on nationally recognized standards and emerging clinical practices. This flexibility is critical for a field rooted in science and continual learning. It protects the public while enabling us to deliver the kind of care our patients expect and deserve.

I urge you to pass HB 3824A. It is a smart, patient-centered reform that strengthens safety, transparency, and access to care in Oregon. Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to modernizing our healthcare laws.

Sincerely,

Nidhi Samosawala, PT

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