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I strongly oppose HB3824. I am the business owner of Roseburg Acupuncture. As an acupuncturist I had to study for 4 years completing a master's degree. We were trained extensively in how to avoid puncturing vital organs and giving patients a pneumothorax and penetrating the pleural cavity. I am absolutely sure that a weekend training is not enough for PTs to practice acupuncture. Dry needling is acupuncture. They simply use a different nomenclature to be able to get around to do acupuncture because physical therapy is simply not enough to treat many pain complaints. It is helpful for recovery from injuries but it has a specific scope of practice. These practitioners must stay in their own lane. They can not steal the medicine we have gone hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt to practice and call it "dry needling" which is just acupuncture done on trigger points. This is something I do in my acupuncture practice every single day. I help hundreds of people in Douglas County. I will continue to fight for this medicine. We must protect our scope of practice and not let other professionals steal our livelihood. It is wrong and utterly unacceptable. We must leave acupuncture and "dry needling" for acupuncturists. Thank you for reading my testimony and may truth and sanity prevail in this twisted world.

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