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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3824

As a licensed physical therapist practicing in the state of Oregon for 27 years, I am writing to express my support for House Bill 3824A. This legislation represents a critical step forward in improving access to timely, effective, and cost-efficient care for Oregonians.

HB 3824A expands the scope and autonomy of physical therapists in areas where our training, clinical expertise, and licensure already equip us to practice safely and effectively. Physical therapists are doctoral-level clinicians trained in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of movement dysfunctions, neuromusculoskeletal conditions, and pain-related impairments. Our education and ongoing clinical experience support the expanded role this bill would provide.

This legislation will allow physical therapists to better serve our patients—particularly in underserved rural and urban areas where provider shortages and delays in care are common. By reducing administrative barriers, HB 3824A enables patients to receive care more promptly, which is critical for optimal recovery and reduced longterm healthcare costs. It also aligns Oregon with best practices seen in other states

that have adopted similar measures with success.

I urge you to vote in favor of HB 3824A and support the continued evolution of patient-centered, evidence-based care in Oregon. Thank you for your time and commitment to the health and well-being of our communities.

Sincerely,

Todd J. Cruz, MPT