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As healthcare professionals, our job is to do what is BEST for our patient. Not being able to practice at the top of our ability is NOT what is best for our patient. Dry Needling is DIFFERENT than acupuncture. Being able to send a patient to imaging HELPS our patients, because we are educated on when to send and when not to send. Our profession is based in research and best practice, we take patient care seriously and we demonstrate several times the seriousness of our responsibility to not only rehab patients but to ensure their safety as well through individualized plans and vitals. DPT has a meaning to it, and it is because of our commitment to the responsibilities and extensive training that we have the Privledge to accept and commit to that title. Not protecting that title is not only disheartening to the therapists who have spent so much time and effort to earn it and respect it, but also a disservice to our patients who come to us for trusted care, not knowing how serious our title is, or seeking care from someone without the training we have due to allowing the same letters after their name. Our healthcare system is hard enough as it is to have enough time to treat patients and schedule patients in a timely manner and get them the care that they need. Why would we make this more difficult by not allowing Physical Therapists to treat at their highest level? Is it beneficial to the patients to keep providers from practicing at the same standard as their peers in other states? Why is it that PTs have to advocate so hard to practice and serve our patients? This is not a selfish act, this is advocation within our field to help us practice at our professional training standards to help our patients. Help us help you and others. Let's work together as a team for our community that we all care about by trusting us, trusting the research, and trusting our training and passion to advocate for ourselves and for our patients.