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My name is Joy Wu, and I am a licensed acupuncturist in Oregon. I am writing to respectfully oppose HB 3824. One of my main concerns is the potential for long-term confusion this bill would create for patients, healthcare providers, and insurers. Allowing needle insertion under a different title but using the same tools and techniques as acupuncture blurs important lines in healthcare. It becomes harder for patients to know who is treating them, what training their provider has, and what standards apply. This isn't just a matter of semantics. When roles and titles overlap without consistency in education or licensure, patients may unknowingly consent to procedures without fully understanding the risks or qualifications of the practitioner. That weakens informed consent and trust across all fields of care. Insurance systems and regulatory boards also rely on clear scopes of practice to determine billing, liability, and oversight. If dry needling is allowed under physical therapy without aligning standards, it opens the door to legal disputes, uneven enforcement, and ongoing confusion.

I believe in interdisciplinary collaboration, but it must happen in a way that maintains transparency, safety, and public trust. HB 3824 moves in the opposite direction by redefining an invasive procedure without fully accounting for its long-term implications.