

Submitter: Matthew Rogers

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3824

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I have been a practicing Physical Therapist in Oregon for 16 years and would like to endorse my support to pass HB 3824. The physical therapy profession is a vital part of the health care community and is at the forefront of musculoskeletal care. This bill will allow for PTs in Oregon to practice at the top of our license and skilled training and to utilize tools like dry needling, and order necessary imaging and durable medical equipment. This will help PTs better serve patients with more comprehensive care, cut out unnecessary costs and delays in access to care, and ensure patient safety. PTs go through extensive training in anatomy, physiology and therapeutic interventions and DPT programs have taken necessary steps to provide educational standards for ordering diagnostic imaging safely and effectively.

Furthermore, protection of the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) term is imperative to avoid confusion for patients to understand the expertise and training of physical therapists compared to other professions who may use the term without the same level of training.

I appreciate your time reading through this endorsement to pass HB 3824 for the betterment of patients in Oregon.

Thank you,

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