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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3824

write today in opposition to HB 3824, which proposes to expand the physical therapy scope of practice in ways that raise serious concerns about patient safety, professional boundaries, and public trust in Oregon's healthcare system.

While I support the valuable work that physical therapists do within their established scope, HB 3824 blurs critical lines between distinct medical professions. This bill appears to grant physical therapists expanded diagnostic authority and the ability to perform interventions that overlap with other licensed healthcare practices—potentially including procedures that resemble acupuncture, dry needling, or other modalities traditionally and legally reserved for professionals with specialized training and regulatory oversight.