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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3824  
To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Adam Hutchison and I am a Physical Therapist in Crown Point, IN. I wanted to bring your attention to a bill that's being heard in the Oregon Senate Health Committee on Tuesday, May 6th - Oregon House Bill 3824 (PT Modernization Act). Passing this act could significantly decrease your workload and improve your patient outcomes. This legislation would also align Oregon's PT practice with 46 other states, allowing us to practice to the full extent of our extensive doctoral level training, while reducing unnecessary administrative burden on healthcare providers like you.

Trigger Point Dry Needling has been proven to be a safe and effective treatment method for patients with musculoskeletal dysfunctions/impairments. Personally I have helped countless clients with this treatment intervention. Physical Therapist (specifically those with a DPT) have a deep and profound understanding of human anatomy and muscle groups. It is well within their scope of practice to implement dry needling. Dwelling on what other professions should or should not practice dry needling should be for another discussion. It is not appropriate or relevant to the conversation around physical therapists. Dry needling is not acupuncture. Oregon should join along with the vast majority of states in America and allow their physical therapists to treat patients and improve their quality of life.