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Hello Politicians and fellow citizens,  
My name is Dr. Michael LoGiudice. I am a licensed and board certified Chiropractor. Years ago, they wanted to include manipulation for PTs and I spoke to a prominent PT from West Linn OR as we were not only colleagues but also friends. He asked me what I thought about it. I simply asked him, do you ever manipulate? He said yes. I then asked him how many do you manipulate? He replied with very few. I asked was the manipulation on purpose or by accident, he implied it was accidental..So I said less than 10% of patients and it was accidental. He agreed. I then said ask me if I manipulate? I said yes. Ask me if I manipulate on purpose. I said it's all on purpose. Ask me if I manipulate every patient. I manipulate 100% of patients, on purpose. This is not a decision to take lightly. Our entire profession is trained to move joints into the parapsychological space not the pathological space which would happen with accidental manipulation. We are trained over 4 years to comfortably palpate and evaluate the joint integrity. This is not a weekend course. This is strictly about the safety of patients. We need to know when to adjust the joint and when to mobilize. I personally just completed about 12 sessions of PT after an Aug 30 2024 auto accident. Only during joint ROM testing, did they test me which was say one and during my re-exams. They did not touch me at all during treatment. From the moment the patients sits on the table we are evaluating, massaging. And touching the patient. Chiropractors are the most adept at joint palpation and joint manipulation than any other practitioners. It has been passed to us from over 135 years of training and experience. You cannot just open a door and decide to let novice inexperienced individuals manipulate 206 joints of the body safely. There will be so many injuries and things will worsen for our mutual patients. There may be some agreement to let them manipulate, but do you know what's going to happen if you do, these patients will report pain and discomfort from this treatment and they will find their way into our office to fix others mistakes. We have enough patients, we do not need more injuries patients from rookie practitioners. Please think long and hard on this topic. We have over 80k chiropractors in the US and if you want to invest money in doctors that can manipulate safely, invest in chiropractic schools, enable more students to enter Chiropractic schools. We need more chiropractors as we only see about 20% of the population, and 86% of the patients in auto accidents. I have been practicing for 19 years this December. My grandfather was a chiropractor he taught my Dad to manipulate but he was never good at it because he did not practice.. This is not a skill to be taught over night. I hope this letter resonates with the lawmakers. Please choose wisely..

In Health,

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