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As a licensed chiropractic physician practicing in the state of Oregon, I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed expansion of the physical therapy scope of practice to include manipulation of joints without clear and specific descriptors.

Chiropractic manipulation is a distinct and highly specialized procedure that requires extensive training, clinical judgment, and licensure. Broadening the scope of physical therapy to include joint manipulation—without defining the extent, type, or training requirements—raises serious concerns regarding patient safety, professional boundaries, and the integrity of specialized healthcare practices.

Such a change may create confusion for patients and practitioners alike, potentially compromising the quality and safety of care. I respectfully urge decision-makers to reconsider any language that permits ambiguous or unqualified joint manipulation by those outside the chiropractic profession.