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To Whom It May Concern,

As a licensed chiropractic physician and the owner of Advanced Chiropractic in Klamath Falls, Oregon, I am writing to express strong opposition to any effort that would allow physical therapists in Oregon to perform spinal or joint adjustments.

Spinal manipulation is a specific, high-velocity procedure that requires extensive education, anatomical expertise, and clinical training to be performed safely. Chiropractors undergo thousands of hours of doctoral-level coursework, hands-on clinical internships, and must pass national and state board examinations to earn the right to adjust the spine. Physical therapists, while well-trained in their respective field, do not receive the education, clinical experience, or licensure necessary to perform these procedures safely or effectively.

Expanding the physical therapy scope of practice to include spinal adjustments would put patients at risk of serious injury - ranging from nerve damage to vertebral artery dissection - due to improper technique or misdiagnosis. Furthermore, it would create a dangerous precedent of allowing invasive procedures without the foundational training that ensures patient safety and public trust.

Licensure exists to protect the public. If physical therapists wish to perform spinal manipulation, they should

be required to complete the same accredited chiropractic education and licensure process that has been rigorously established for this purpose.

I respectfully urge you to prioritize patient safety and maintain clear, professional boundaries by rejecting any proposal that would authorize physical therapists to perform adjustments they are not trained or licensed to administer.

Sincerely,

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