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I am writing in support of this bill and the reintroduction of the Physical Therapy amendment. This legislation is imperative for physical therapist and physical therapist assistants to deliver the best care possible to our patients. The process of getting prior authorization from third party payers can be challenging for the PT practice and daunting for the patient, often leading to delays in patient care. Delays in this process can push a patient's initiation of care back by days or even weeks, or can interrupt a patient's care when re-authorization is required. In both scenarios, the patient is at risk of continued pain and/or loss of function. Requiring third party payers to address this process, making it more streamlined and efficient, WILL get people into the clinic sooner, allowing them to return to the activities they need for their daily lives.

Thank you.

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