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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 3134, which aims to improve patient access to physical therapy services and reduce the administrative burden associated with prior authorization processes. As a physical therapist and therapy services manager at Providence, I have seen firsthand the challenges patients face due to the often complex and time-consuming prior authorization requirements imposed by insurance companies.

Physical therapy plays a crucial role in recovery and rehabilitation for countless individuals dealing with a variety of health conditions, from post-surgical recovery to chronic pain management. The current prior authorization process can create significant delays in treatment, potentially hindering patient progress and exacerbating health issues. By streamlining these requirements, HB 3134 will allow for more timely and efficient access to necessary care.

Moreover, the administrative burden placed on healthcare providers due to the prior authorization process detracts from valuable patient care time and increases operational costs. Providers must dedicate significant resources to navigate these requirements, which can detract from their ability to focus on patient outcomes and improve the overall quality of care. HB 3134 will help alleviate these challenges, allowing healthcare providers to concentrate on delivering effective treatment and improving patient experiences.

The proposed legislation aims to balance the need for cost-effective healthcare management with the imperative of patient-centered care. By removing unnecessary barriers, HB 3134 supports the delivery of high-quality healthcare while fostering a more efficient system that benefits patients, providers, and insurers alike.

I urge the committee to support HB 3134 and facilitate its passage into law. This bill represents an important step toward optimizing healthcare delivery and ensuring that patients receive the timely care they deserve. Thank you for considering my testimony and for your commitment to improving healthcare access for our community.

Sincerely,

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