



June 14, 2017

The Honorable Representative Stephen  
Huffman  
Chair, Health Committee  
Ohio House of Representatives  
77 South High Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Representative Huffman:

We the undersigned members of The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Sports Medicine Center, are writing you to express our sincere concern with proposed changes to the scope of practice for physical therapists as outlined in Ohio House Bill 131 currently in your Committee.

Dr. Christopher Kaeding, Executive Director of OSU Sports Medicine, will be testifying to your Committee on our behalf but we wanted to make it perfectly clear our opposition to the proposed changes that we feel would put patients at risk.

Physical therapists simply do not have the educational background and training to determine a diagnosis in order to treat a person's physical impairments. Further, it is not prudent for physical therapists to be able to order diagnostic imaging interpreted by other health care professionals. Unnecessary tests and imaging prior to a medical diagnosis of a patient's impairment will only add additional costs to the health care system.

There is a key place for physical therapy in the healing process, but that place is after a proper diagnosis has been made, and after the patient and physician have determined that therapy will be a part of the patient's recovery plan.

Physicians and physical therapists at The Ohio State University have an excellent working relationship. This legislation could very well undermine this team approach to the delivery of quality health care to our patients which is our primary responsibility.

Sincerely,

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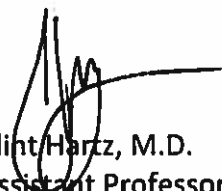
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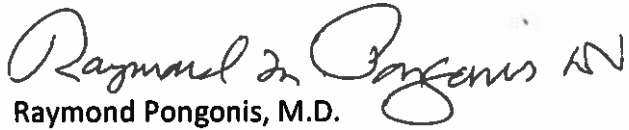
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