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

November 29, 2017

Dear Representative Huffman:

On behalf of the Members of the Ohio Orthopaedic Society, I am writing to oppose the proposed changes to the scope of practice for physical therapists outlined in Substitute House Bill 131.

First, let me make it clear that this legislation is not a "turf battle" between physical therapists and orthopaedic surgeons. This is about delivering quality health care to patients in a safe and cost effective manner. Simply stated, we do not believe physical therapists have the proper training to practice medicine i.e. evaluate a patient, create a differential diagnosis, order appropriate testing, interpret the test results, counsel the patient on the pros/cons of treatment options, develop a treatment plan and then coordinate and execute the treatment plan.

Members of our Society have testified in opposition of this legislation before your Committee. In addition, a letter signed by Dr. Andrew H. Glassman, M.D., Chairman of the Department of Orthopaedics and thirty of his colleagues from The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center agree that this legislation could very well undermine the team approach of delivering quality health care that patients deserve. As Dr. Glassman stated in his previous letter, "There is a key place for physical therapy in the healing process, but that place is after a proper medical diagnosis has been made, and after the patient and physician have determined that therapy will be part of the patient's recovery."

There is simply no evidence that allowing a physical therapist to independently diagnose medical conditions and order x-rays will do anything to improve the delivery or lower the cost of healthcare to patients.

Sincerely,

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President, Ohio Orthopaedic Society