

The Honorable _____
_____ State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Senator _____,

I understand that there has been Physical Therapy legislation put forth in the Illinois General Assembly. This legislation sought to **provide the public with direct access to physical therapists.**

I support this legislation and urge you to **support Direct Access legislation.**

Please stop the hassles for your constituents in obtaining physical therapy services. Delays in receiving physical therapy can result in more pain, suffering, delayed outcomes and increased costs. Seeing a physician only for the purpose of getting a referral for physical therapy is a waste of time and money. We talk about healthcare costs being so high, would not having direct access to physical therapists be a way to help save healthcare dollars?

Other states have unrestricted direct access to physical therapy. The US military has direct access to physical therapy, which further validates that physical therapists are safe and competent. Illinois needs to update and provide direct public access to this valuable service.

I know physical therapists go through extensive schooling in order to be licensed in Illinois. I have every confidence that physical therapists would not hesitate to recommend a patient see a physician if they felt their patient had medical issues that were out of their scope of practice.

I think Direct Access to physical therapy legislation is worthy of your support.

Sincerely,

Signature

Print Name

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