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To: Chair Marzola and Members of the Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor

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RE: Physical Therapy Compact AB 248

The Nevada chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA NV) expresses full support for the implementation of the Physical Therapy Compact in the State of Nevada. The PT Compact is a state-based legislation that allows physical therapists and physical therapist assistants to practice in multiple states without having to obtain multiple licenses. This initiative is designed to increase access to physical therapy services, reduce barriers to practice, and enhance professional mobility for physical therapists. APTA NV believes that the PT Compact will benefit both patients and providers by streamlining the licensure process and facilitating the delivery of high-quality care.

The Nevada APTA has highlighted several reasons why they believe the PT Compact is necessary for our state. First and foremost, the PT Compact enables physical therapists to provide telehealth services to patients across state lines, making it easier for individuals in rural or underserved areas to receive timely and effective care. Additionally, the Compact helps to address workforce shortages by allowing physical therapists to practice in multiple states, thus increasing the availability of skilled providers in areas with high demand. By supporting the PT Compact, the Nevada APTA is advocating for policies that promote patient access to care and professional development for physical therapists.

The Nevada Physical Therapy Board's advocacy for the PT Compact demonstrates its dedication to promoting excellence in the field of physical therapy and improving outcomes for individuals in need of rehabilitative services. The Nevada APTA's endorsement of this initiative also reflects our commitment to advancing the profession of physical therapy and ensuring that patients receive the best possible care. By participating in the Compact, physical therapists in Nevada can collaborate with colleagues in other states, share best practices, and enhance their skills through professional development opportunities. Moreover, the PT Compact promotes the growth and recognition of physical therapy as an essential component of healthcare delivery, ultimately benefiting both providers and patients.

In conclusion, the PT Compact represents a significant step towards ensuring that individuals in Nevada and beyond have access to high-quality physical therapy services. By advocating for the implementation of the Compact, the Nevada APTA and the Nevada Physical Therapy Board are working to reduce barriers to practice, increase access to services, and improve professional mobility for physical therapists.