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The Honorable Chairwoman Landwehr & Committee Members,

My name is Cornelia Daluz and I am a licensed medical physician in Kansas specializing in psychiatry. I have practiced as a physician in Kansas. I have also received physical therapy care as well as other medical care over the last years after having a cerebral vascular accident. I have a better understanding of the educational and professional services level of physical therapists. I respect that they are able to assess and evaluate a patient to the level of knowing if the patient would benefit from physical therapy services or needs to be referred onto a medical physician.

I understand the level of liability, risk and claims has not increased in any of the many other states in the US that allow patients to come directly to a physical therapist prior to receiving medical care. With my understanding and knowledge of the patients ability to make decisions as to their level of medical care needed, the immediacy of receiving that treatment, I support fully HP 2159 allowing patients to make the choice to go directly to a physical therapist when patients understand the need to receive physical therapy care.

If you have any questions I would be pleased to speak with you regarding this issue at 785-273-9051.

Thank you for allowing me to present my viewpoint on this important patient right and patient access issue.


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