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Comments: Dear Legislators, Aloha! I am writing to you today in support of SB 1074 pertaining to Physical Therapy. Please support this bill because it protects the public in various ways: First, by requiring the Licensure of Physical Therapist Assistants, people recovering from injury, surgery, and the elderly infirmed will receive quality care from a State licensed healthcare professional. Further, such professional can be held accountable by the State through regulatory control of their License to practice. This is crucial because physical therapist assistants perform the treatments and interventions on patients according to a Therapists treatment plan but without the personal supervision of the Therapist. Second, the appointment of a Physical Therapist Assistant to the Physical Therapy Board will ensure that Physical Therapist Assistants have a voice and vote on the direction of their profession. Third, the grandfathering of Physical Therapist Assistants with at least five years of experience will allow established PTAs to continue providing necessary rehabilitation and therapy to Hawaii's patients and elderly. Fourth, licensing of physical therapist assistants will allow Hawaii to remain competitive in providing qualified health care according to medicare requirements and jobs for Hawaii's people. Thank you for your consideration and support of this bill! Very respectfully submitted, Mathew Yamamoto Hawaii Resident and Registered Voter 99-794 Meaala Street Aiea, Hi 96701

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