

Chairman Joseph Solomon, Jr
House Committee on Corporations

Dear Chairman Solomon and Members of the House Committee on Corporations,

My name is David Pavao and I am a Physical Therapist and co-owner of Highbar Physical Therapy, with multiple clinics in RI employing over 100 physical therapists. I am also a member of the RI Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association and it's Legislative Affairs Committee. I thank you for the opportunity to write in support of HB 7213, entrance in the Physical Therapy Compact (PTC).

- The PTC, an initiative by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy, aims to enhance physical therapy care access.
- Compact Privilege mandates adherence to remote state practice laws.
- Joining the Compact doesn't alter PTs' and PTAs' scope of practice in Rhode Island; the primary goal is improved patient rehabilitation access.

Benefits for Rhode Island include:

- Enhanced physical therapy access
- Preserved state licensure
- Improved interstate communication
- Mandatory safety checks and continuing competence,
- Improved portability for military spouses.

Thirty-six states, including neighbors Connecticut, Maine, and Vermont, have enacted Compact Legislation. Urging Rhode Island to become the 37th state, the PTC is a budget-neutral program ensuring vulnerable populations access expert care. For questions, contact me.

Thank you for considering HB 7213.Regards

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