



January 21, 2026

The Honorable Members  
Kentucky House of Representatives  
Frankfort, Kentucky

Re: Support for House Bill 48

Dear Members of the Kentucky House of Representatives,

On behalf of the American Physical Therapy Association – Kentucky Chapter (APTA-KY), we write in strong support of House Bill 48 (HB 48). This legislation makes important updates to the laws governing the practice and regulation of physical therapy in the Commonwealth and reflects a balanced approach to public protection and professional accountability.

APTA-KY represents licensed physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, and students who provide essential rehabilitation and movement-based care to Kentuckians across all settings. HB 48 strengthens oversight of the profession by enhancing reporting requirements, reinforcing ethical standards, and ensuring that members of the Board of Physical Therapy meet appropriate qualifications. These provisions support patient safety, transparency, and public trust.

Additionally, HB 48 equips the Board of Physical Therapy with the tools needed to effectively carry out its responsibilities, including the ability to adopt necessary administrative regulations and address practice-related issues in a timely and responsible manner. These updates help maintain high standards of care while supporting an efficient and responsive regulatory framework.

APTA-KY believes HB 48 represents thoughtful, measured policy that benefits patients, practitioners, and the Commonwealth as a whole. We respectfully urge your support for this legislation and appreciate your leadership on issues impacting healthcare quality and access in Kentucky.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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