



Occupational Therapy Association of Oregon

Dear Members,

On behalf of the Occupational Therapy Association of Oregon (OTAO), the Legislative Committee would like to wish all its members a message of health and well-being. We hope you and your loved ones are safe during these trying times. We would also like to issue a huge Thank You to all our members that are serving on our front lines. We appreciate you!

Legislative Committee during COVID19

Since the COVID19 crises began, your legislative team has been working hard to ensure OTs across Oregon have had their voices heard as needs and concerns, revolving around our profession and the clients we serve, arose. We have been in communication with OHA, ODE, AOTA, our local Licensing Board, and the leaders of many of our major hospitals, including Shriners Hospitals for Children, CDRC at Doernbecher Children's Hospital, and CDRC Eugene.

As we continue to work our way through this crisis, we are humbled by the work that all Oregon OTs have been able to do, under these extreme circumstances. It is because of this amazing work, that we want to ensure our stories and needs are heard. We want to ensure we continue to get the support we need to continue to serve our clients to the best of our ability. Lastly, we want to ensure that our representatives understand how we have adapted to the times and continue to provide quality therapy to those we serve.

Call to Action

The Legislative team has drafted a letter for you to fill out and send to your State Senator and State Representative. Our aim is to ensure our profession is visible, represented and considered as conversations begin to occur, revolved around how best to reopen the state. Regardless of when Oregon reopens, we want your State Senator and State Representative to know that we are here, and we are ready.

Please share this unified call to action with your friends, coworkers, and colleagues. Feel free to make any adjustments to the drafted letter, or even formulate your own, if that is most appropriate. What is important, is that those who serve in Salem, know that you are a reliable resource for [Fill in the Blank...].

For help finding your State Representative and State Senator, please follow the link to the OTAO website. Our advocacy page has links to inform you <https://web.otao.com/find-your-legislators/>

Please reach out to OTAO or the Legislative team with any questions, concerns or comments.

Sincerely,

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