



Occupational Therapy Association of Oregon

[DATE]

[SENATOR OR REPRESENTATIVE NAME]

Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear [SENATOR OR REPRESENTATIVE NAME]

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and healthy during this incredibly trying time. I wanted to **THANK YOU** for all you are doing for our state and your constituents to lessen the negative impact this pandemic is having on us all.

I am [YOUR NAME], a member of the Occupational Therapy Association of Oregon (OTAO) and your constituent. I [LIVE/WORK] in your district near [LANDMARK] on [STREET]. I work as an Occupational Therapist (OT) at [PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT] and have served here for [MONTHS/YEARS]. I serve roughly [###] of our neighbors each year as their local OT.

As an OT, I have seen firsthand the effect this virus has had on healthcare providers and more importantly, the clients we serve every day. As we work together over the coming weeks and months to flatten the curve, Occupational Therapists are here and stand ready as essential healthcare providers to deliver [DESCRIBE SERVICES RELATIVE TO YOUR SETTING], and assist our clients in resuming progress in their healthcare goals.

I was pleased to see the Governor's announcement regarding non-emergency care beginning again on May 1st. My office, [CLINIC NAME], is ready and willing to open our doors again. [Describe your setting, your role, and how you best serve your clients]

Responsible opening means prioritizing the safety of our employees and clients above all else. As a licensed health care professional serving your constituents, I wanted you to know that my profession takes this very seriously. We will be following the guidance of our state and national associations to ensure we are doing our part to keep our community safe and healthy.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you, your family, or a constituent need anything. Please let the people in our community know I am (we are) going back to work and are here to help.

Stay safe and healthy, thank you again for all you are doing,

[YOUR NAME, Credentials]

[YOUR PRACTICE INFO]