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Dear Dr. McDavitt,

This is the final 2012 grant report on our chapter's legislative efforts to remove the prohibition on performing spinal manipulation from the physical therapy practice act. We again apologize for the tardiness of the reports for 2012 and 2013.

We held our annual Legislative Impact Day on Thursday, February 2, 2012 on the Capitol Campus in Olympia, WA. We chartered six busses, provided sandwiches and other refreshments, rented a performance hall for our morning briefing, and rented a huge tent with a floor, lights, heater, tables and chairs that was set up on the Capitol Campus and served as our home base throughout the day. The APTA Orthopaedic Section grant award of \$5,000 went toward the payment for tent rental. Our total cost to conduct the legislative day was about \$34,000. We had about 450 attendees from 47 out of the 49 legislative districts attend the event to discuss our bill with their representatives. We were pleased with the turnout considering a major snow and ice storm the previous week had brought business operations to a halt for several days for many of our member clinics.

PTWA's spinal manipulation legislation, HB 1673 and companion SB 5549, remained alive for 2012, after being introduced during the 2011 session. Although we did not get a hearing on our spinal manipulation bill during the 2012 session, Washington State Representative Laurie Jinkins took over in the role of mediator between PTWA and the Washington State Chiropractic Association. We made several concessions during the past year, including agreeing to adding restrictions including advanced certification and an endorsement by the Washington State Board of Physical Therapy. We had also secured a letter from malpractice insurer CNA/HPSO indicating they saw no trends over the past 20+ years that would indicate spinal manipulation performed by physical therapists presents a risk factor. Legislators were growing increasingly weary of hearing about this issue but continued to let us know that they would like us to come to agreement with the WSCA.

Again, thank you for the generous grant to support our Legislative Impact Day. It did make a difference, even though our bill didn't pass until the following year.

Sincerely,

Robin Schoenfeld  
PTWA Legislative Committee Chair