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Dear Dr. McDavitt,

This is the final 2013 grant report on our chapter's legislative efforts to remove the prohibition on performing spinal manipulation from the physical therapy practice act. As you know, in 2014 we were able to pass legislation removing this ban but the prohibition remained at the end of 2013. We apologize for the tardiness of this and the 2012 report. There was some confusion on our end about who was supposed to prepare these reports and the task fell through the cracks until Terri DeFlorian reminded us about it earlier this year.

PTWA introduced spinal manipulation legislation in both houses in 2013: HB 1551 and companion bill SB 5632. We held our annual Legislative Impact Day on Thursday January 31, 2013 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. We were also able to reserve a room in the Legislative Building (fire code capacity 180) where members could hold meetings with their legislators. 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 \$35,000. We had 451 attendees from 43 out of the 49 legislative districts attend the event to discuss our bill with their representatives. This was the first year that we produced a briefing video and a Homework Checklist for newcomers. While this video featuring our board of directors and University of Puget Sound students as dancers did not achieve the acclaim that our 2014 video "Max Goes to Olympia," first-timers attending legislative day seemed more informed about things such as who their legislators were.

Toward the end of January we began a formal mediation process with the Washington State Chiropractic Association (our only opposing stakeholder) at the request of Rep. Laurie Jinkins, who had served as a mediator for the previous two years. The Pierce County Dispute Resolution Center, which specializes in public policy mediation, took on the challenge. The PTWA mediation team included Eastern Washington University PT program faculty member Dan Anton, past PTWA President and Legislative Committee Chair Susan Chalcraft and current PTWA Legislative Committee Chair Robin Schoenfeld. By mid-February this process was beginning to stall and it eventually came to a halt in mid-April. Proposals and counterproposals continued through the end of the year. Rep. Jinkins expressed a goal to push the bill through in the 2014 legislative session.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robin Schoenfeld" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robin Schoenfeld  
PTWA Legislative Committee Chair