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Ms. Melissa Greco
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Dear Ms. Greco,

APTA Georgia (formally the Physical Therapy Association of Georgia, or PTAG), would like to thank the Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy (AOPT) for grant funding of \$5,000, issued in June of 2015. Please accept this letter as a report of how the funding was used. I apologize that this letter is coming so late, as the original letter was due in June of 2016. As this was just brought to my attention in my role as President, I hope that you will accept this letter, although entirely late.

The \$5,000 issued to PTAG in June of 2015 by the AOPT was used to hire additional lobbying help during our legislative push for passage of House Bill 505: The Georgia Physical Therapy Act. The \$5,000 grant by AOPT, in addition to \$27,000 taken out of reserves by PTAG, aided in the legislative victory that advanced the physical therapy definition, term and title protection, limited direct access, dry needling provisions, and telehealth provisions in the state of Georgia. The additional lobbying help was much needed, as the bill faced significant adversarial efforts by other medical and healthcare providers in the state due to the advocacy efforts related to direct access for Georgia consumers.

I have attached the updated practice act for Georgia to this letter, should you wish to read the advancements we have made to our practice act through this important piece of legislation. Of note, defining telehealth as part of our scope of practice was incredibly helpful as we now move through the COVID-19 pandemic, allowing our providers in the state improved access to patients in this manner.

Should you have any questions, I would be happy to answer to the best of my ability. On behalf of APTA Georgia, thank you once again to the AOPT for supporting our efforts through this grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Dale, PT, DPT". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" at the beginning.

Daniel Dale, PT, DPT

President

APTA Georgia (Formerly the Physical Therapy Association of Georgia, or PTAG)