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The Honorable Ghazala F. Hashmi Chair, Senate Committee on Education and Health Senate of Virginia P.O. Box 396 Richmond, VA 23218 senatorhashmi@senate.virginia.gov

The Honorable Mark D. Sickles
Chair, House Committee on Health and Human Services
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Re: Report on Disciplinary Actions Taken Against Physical Therapists Related to Dry Needling Treatment or Without Physical Referral

Dear Senator Hashmi and Delegate Sickles:

Pursuant to Chapter 137¹ of the 2023 Acts of Assembly, the Board of Physical Therapy (Board) is required to report "a summary of disciplinary actions taken against physical therapists whose conduct resulted in physical harm to a patient when such patient received dry needling treatment or more than 60 consecutive days of physical therapy treatment without a physician referral" by December 1, 2024.

The Board of Physical Therapy has not taken disciplinary action against any physical therapist in either of these two areas since the effective date of this legislation on July 1, 2023.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Board or the Department of Health Professions with questions related to this summary report.

Sincerely,

Corie E. Tillman Wolf, J.D.

Executive Director

Virginia Board of Physical Therapy

¹ SB1005 (Hashmi)