Dear Representative/Senator (delete as applicable) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I am your constituent, and I benefit from physical therapy services. I am writing in support of **H 7081/SB 244**, which would limit copays, coinsurance or office deductibles for services of a physical therapist to an amount not to exceed the cost of a primary care visit.

Physical Therapists are well trained to assess soft issue injuries, movement disorders, muscle weakness, and so much more, but over the last 5 years, due to health care cost containment efforts, copays for rehabilitation services have quickly climbed from $8 - $15 to an alarming $30-$75+ per session. This can be cost prohibitive for many already economically burdened patients, who may turn to opioids as a quicker, cheaper form of pain relief.

I depend on physical therapy services to improve my quality of life. However, my neighbors and friends may be shut out of receiving these effective, evidence-based services based on their inability to afford expensive copays.

Physical therapists address the mobility needs of thousands of Rhode Islanders like me each year. Please support **H 7081/S 2544** and help us ensure affordable access to physical therapy services.

Sincerely,