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January 29, 2021

The Honorable Shane Pendergrass, Chair  
House Health and Government Operations Committee  
Room 241, House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**RE: House Bill 210 – State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners - Temporary Licenses to Practice Physical Therapy and Limited Physical Therapy- SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Pendergrass,

The American Physical Therapy Association Maryland is writing to register our support of House Bill 210.

The purpose of this legislation is to provide the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners the authority to issue temporary licenses to practice physical therapy and limited physical therapy to physical therapist and physical therapist assistant applicants who have been determined to be eligible for initial licensure but have not yet taken and passed the national licensure exam.

Temporary licensure would allow these applicants to practice under the direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist for a limited period of time pending successfully passing the exam. Allowing these applicants to practice under a temporary license will allow them to maintain competence between graduation and licensure and earn an income while studying for the national licensure exam.

**APTA Maryland supports legislation that would allow for a temporary license to be issued to an individual who has completed a physical therapy or physical therapist assistant curriculum. This would authorize the holder to practice limited physical therapy under direct supervision while the temporary license is effective.**

**For the reasons noted above we ask for a favorable report on House Bill 210.**

Sincerely,



Kevin Platt, PT, DPT, MBA  
President, APTA Maryland