[First Name] [Last Name]

[Street Address]

[City], FL [Zip Code]

The Honorable [First Name] [Last Name]
Florida Senate

Dear Senator [Last Name]:

As a Florida resident and an [occupational therapist, occupational therapy student, occupational therapy assistant, etc.], I want to express my support for SB 990, Occupational Therapy, by Senator Bradley, to update the scope of practice for our profession.

I represent one of more than 18,000 occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants throughout the State of Florida, who have dedicated our professional careers to helping improve Floridian’s quality of life. Our profession is focused on treating a multitude of patient populations from children to the elderly, with the goal of returning patients back to everyday life and work. Our work has been shown to provide significant cost savings to the health care delivery system by reducing hospital readmission rates, hospital length of stay and providing enhanced value to integrated care delivery teams, all with the objective to improve quality of life for patients.

[Insert personal story about your experience, why you are in or entering the profession, patients/families you have treated, etc.]

SB 990 will update the scope of practice for occupational therapy in Florida to more fully define the practice and encompass all areas in which occupational therapists currently practice. We are not seeking to expand our scope or practice, but instead modernize language that hasn’t been updated in approximately two decades. The bill highlights the role we play in improving mental health for patients, recognizing our profession’s century-old roots in caring for the whole person so individuals may be productive and engaged in all aspects of their daily lives. The work we do allows patients to participate and actively engage in daily and valued occupations, which promotes overall health and well-being. SB 990 is supported by the Florida Occupational Therapy Association (FOTA), and backed by countless articles of peer-reviewed research, as well as model language from the American Occupational Therapy Association.

I ask for your support on SB 990 as it is considered by the Senate Health Policy Committee, and for your continued support as the bill moves through the legislative process. Please help us promote the occupational therapy profession, so we may continue to serve children, adults, and families throughout Florida.

Sincerely,

[First Name] [Last Name]