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physical therapists should not be treating patients without said patient first seeing a physician. There could be any number of life threatening issues that PT could delay in diagnosis or exacerbate said condition.

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Hello, My name is Keeli Darst, MSN, FNP-C, COHN I believe it is imperative for NP's to have total autonomy in the State of Texas. With the increasing need for healthcare the baby boomer population is aging, this means that there is a large portion of the population who is starting to need more healthcare services. There is also a shortage of physician's, especially in rural areas. Nurse practitioners offer cost-effective care and access to care, not replacing, but complimenting physicians, and aiding underserved communities. Healthcare teams, can maximize their budget by creating a complementary group of healthcare professionals (including NPs) on the team, NPs' salaries are lower than those of physicians making them attractive professionals to employ. their ability to provide high-quality care, provide mental health services, and advocate for patients are just some of the reasons that NPs are in high demand. Nurse practitioners are in high demand, and are essential to the future of healthcare.

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Please support this bill. Sometimes it makes sense to see an MD before getting physical therapy but I can tell you for my old body, I know when I need physical therapy and it would be nice to not delay treatment waiting to get into an MD to get a referral. Please pass HB4099