**TELEHEALTH SUPPORT LETTER**

**Date**

**Enter Your State Representative for one letter and your State Senator for another letter**

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RE: Maintaining access to Telehealth services after the pandemic

My name is (**your first and last name**) and I am an occupational therapy practitioner in your district. I am writing to ask for your support in legislating the current telehealth bill HB3498 sponsored by Representatives Deb Conroy, Greg Harris, Norine K. Hammond, Ryan Spain, Bob Morgan, Michael J. Zalewski, Jonathan Carroll, Lindsey Lapointe and Patrick Windhorst.. This bill promotes equity in healthcare by providing ongoing access to telehealth services for all individuals including individuals in low-income and underserved communities; it allows for patient autonomy in choosing healthcare providers, it disallows proof of hardship to receive telehealth services, and it makes congruent both telehealth coverage and in-person payment.

As a practitioner in your district, I also work with (**families/students/adults/children)** in your district who have benefitted from access to telehealth services to maintain their health and quality of life. As your constituent and on behalf of your constituents I serve, I am asking you to support HB3498 so that telehealth services can continue to be provided to individuals in your community beyond the public health emergency period.

The COVID-19 pandemic has provided opportunities for greatly enhancing patient support and access to healthcare through telehealth services. As your constituent, I am asking that you support the current telehealth bill [HB3498](https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=3498&GAID=16&GA=102&DocTypeID=HB&LegID=132503&SessionID=110) to further enhance our current healthcare delivery system and ensure equity in healthcare access and improved outcomes for all.

(**OPTIONAL:** Insert personal/professional testimonial here indicating how telehealth services benefitted individual, e.g., ease in obtaining services or improved outcomes that were achieved, etc.)

I am more than happy to discuss this further at your convenience

Yours in Service,

**SIGN YOUR NAME**

**Organization**

**Street address City, State, Zip Code OR Email Address**