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On Behalf Of: Parrott Creek Child and Family Services
Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care
Measure: HB2651

Dear Legislators,

As a provider of critically needed residential and community-based behavioral health programs and services, Parrott Creek Child & Family Services is supportive of this legislation. We would request either amendments ensure:

- nonprofit providers of Behavior Rehabilitation Services are specifically names as eligible for these funds
- Counties are required to pass through to their local, nonprofit community partners at least 75% of funds they receive. This is particularly important to ensure these funds support culturally responsive and/or specific providers as well as investing in the community-based resources we know are most flexible, adaptable and child or family centered.

Nonprofit providers are known to be effective, efficient, have lower overheads and better client engagement than many government-based services, particularly for children, youth and families who are wary or afraid to engage with formal systems.

Thank you.

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