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Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, and Members of the Senate Health Care Committee,

The Healing Advocacy Fund supports SB 303 because ***the state of Oregon has a responsibility to provide clients, operators, decision makers and the general public with information that is essential to ensure client safety, quality of services, and equitable access.***

I'd like to speak to the -1 amendment, and want to be clear about the intention first. The intention behind this amendment, the vast majority of which was driven by community feedback, would require service centers to report information in aggregate to OHA, *and* would allow clients to opt-out of having their info shared for reporting.

However, the language in the -1 currently puts the responsibility of aggregating information on the OHA. This was not our intent, and we plan to work with LC to correct and clarify that process in another amendment. This will prevent OHA from having to aggregate client information at the agency level, and instead service centers will hold the responsibility of sending the aggregate information to the agency. The goal of this bill is two-fold: to ensure safety, equitable access and quality service delivery; and to maintain meaningful client privacy protections.

I want to emphasize that without this bill, there will be *no* mechanism to measure outcomes for this program.

As someone who deeply cares about the success of this program, and as the former campaign manager of Measure 109, I believe that because we are the first state in the country to establish licensed and regulated access to psilocybin therapy, it is of the utmost importance to get this right. We take our responsibility seriously knowing that all eyes are on Oregon, and we know that what we do in the coming years will have lasting impacts for decades to come. I ask for your support of SB 303.

Sincerely,

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