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On Behalf Of: Clients and Clinicians

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2455

My name is Lacey Buckingham. I am a LPC working in a private practice serving clients in Oregon via telehealth. I am writing to ask you to pass HB2455.

Please end the abusive practice of insurance companies using audits as an income stream. Counselors deserve to know what is expected in audits so they can know how to document to pass them. Limits should be placed on audits so that providers dont have to live in fear simply taking insurance. Many clients cannot afford mental health care without insurance, and current audit practices are making it impossible for clinicians to feasibly take insurance. Passing this bill will increase access to care in our state. Thank you.