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Honorable Representative Rob Nosse
Chair, House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care
900 Court Street NE, Room 453
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Representative Nosse,

On behalf of Cascade Behavioral Intervention, I am writing to express our strong support for HB 2023, which proposes to establish health insurance coverage for applied behavior analysis (ABA) therapy for individuals with intellectual and developmental disability diagnoses, ensuring parity with coverage for autism spectrum disorder diagnoses. This legislation is crucial for expanding access to essential ABA services for a broader population in need.

Since 2010, Cascade Behavioral Intervention's team has provided ABA therapy to children in Central Oregon. We work with children ages 18 months to 10 years of age and have worked with more than 100 families in Central and Southern Oregon in the past 15 years. We have 4 Licensed Behavior Analysts and 11 Registered Behavior Analysis Interventionists on our team, and over the past 15 years, more than 20 of our team members have completed their supervised experience toward becoming Licensed Behavior Analysts while working at our organization. We are committed to providing high quality, compassionate care to families in Deschutes County and to expanding access to therapeutic services across Oregon.

As the founder and Director of Cascade Behavioral Intervention, I have received many calls over the years from families in need of therapy to support their child's behavioral needs. In many cases, I have been unable to help because the child did not have an autism diagnosis, meaning care would not be covered by insurance. Behavioral therapies based in ABA are effective for across a range of ages, diagnoses, and needs. We use the science of learning to make meaningful changes in the lives of others, both by teaching important skills in a systematic way, and by identifying unmet needs that may be leading to concerning behavior and teaching safer, healthier ways for children to get those needs met.

HB 2023 is a necessary step toward equitable access to evidence-based therapies for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We respectfully urge the committee to vote in favor of HB 2023. Thank you for your time and service to the state of Oregon.

Sincerely,

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