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I am a mental health provider who has been working in Oregon for over 35 years. I am writing to support HB 822. Over my career I have seen how insurance networks have made it more difficult for clients to find in-network providers. As I have scaled back the hours I work, I routine field calls from potential new clients that I am unable to add to my practice. I repeated hear over and over how these folks have called dozens of providers in their network and cannot find anyone who is able to take on new clients. The networks are too narrow for the number of people insured. Also, clients very much want to be seen in person. They do not want the only option to be telehealth with someone with whom they can never meet in the office.