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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB20

Dear Chair and members of the Senate Committee on Human Service,
I am a strong advocate for mental health services in our state, and I am a proud parent with an adult son with a disability, We in our family have had first hand experience with the exact problem that SB 20 will solve. We have seen that with much dedication our son has now been able to build skills that allow him to do a part time job with an non-profit that is feeding unhoused people. We are so proud of his growth and work. Part time work fits his current abilities, but at a modest salary it puts him over the line for getting Medicaid. Being on the Oreogn Healt Plan has been an essential part of his progress. SB 20 recognizes that critical need of OHP in the growth and life stability for folks with disability. This legislation has been anticipated for some time. Now is the time to move it forward. It will provice an essential growth for so many folks that will benefit our whole state. I strongly urge your support for this bill to empower so many of our state neighbors.\ Thank you,
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