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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3351

Dear Chair Nosse and Members of the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care,

My name is Angela Vanderbelt Gleim, and I am a licensed marriage and family therapist practicing in Salem. I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 3351, which would allow Oregon to join the Interstate Counseling Compact.

The Counseling Compact would benefit my practice and my clients by allowing for greater continuity of care when my clients move across state lines or travel across state lines. Several of my clients travel to Washington regularly for work, which makes it difficult for them to attend sessions at the frequency that they need to due to having to postpone sessions when they are out of state.

By joining the Counseling Compact, Oregon can:

Expand Access to Care: Allowing licensed counselors from other member states to practice in Oregon will increase the availability of mental health professionals, particularly in underserved and rural areas.

Support Military Families and Relocated Clients: Military families and individuals who move frequently would benefit from continued access to their counselors without interruption.

Reduce Administrative Burdens: The Compact will streamline the licensing process, saving time and financial resources for both practitioners and regulatory agencies.

Maintain High Professional Standards: Participating states share disciplinary information to ensure the quality and safety of care provided across state lines.

As a provider, I see HB 3351 as a crucial step toward expanding access to quality care while ensuring efficiency in serving more clients. I encourage you to support this bill to enhance Oregon's mental health system and make essential services more accessible.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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