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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB61

Dear Senate Committee,

I am a Marriage and Family Therapy graduate student intern currently practicing in a mental health clinic. I support the measure as the threat a clawbacks is a significant concern for mental health practitioners who accept public health insurance.

Particularly for therapists in private practice, a clawback can be financially devastating. I cannot think of another profession where fees, wages, or salaries can be retracted after they have already been paid. Mental health workers deserve the same right to have security in the wages they have already been paid for services provided. This insecurity prevents many therapists from accepting public health insurance, which impacts access to mental health services.

I hope in the future this measure will be expanded to private insurances as well.

Sincerely,
Lydia Evans