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As a therapist in private practice for the past five years, I have made it a priority to see clients that have OHP after working for several years in outpatient agencies that were often overwhelmed by need from the community. It has been enriching work and a way that I've been able to make my services accessible to those that might not be able to receive necessary help.

However, these services come at a cost as therapists have very little resources or representation in case of an audit. We could be audited at any point by OHA, the CCO, or OHA and the CCO simultaneously. Claw backs can occur from minor clerical errors and documentation requirements that are not standardized, unclear and often subjective to the auditor themselves. The financial impact of one of these audits could be devastating to one's practice. I often wrestle with my desire to make my services accessible and the ethical duty I have to my clients verses the constant anxiety of being audited.

Thank you for your time in considering my testimony in support of this bill,

Sincerely,
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