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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee on Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB61

Hello,

I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker providing therapy to youth and adult clients in my private practice. Before transitioning to private practice, I spent several years working in community-based mental health programs in Portland and the surrounding communities. I continue to serve Medicaid clients, addressing a broad spectrum of mental health needs to some of the communities' most vulnerable members.

I strongly urge you to support Senate Bill 61. The Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) current audit procedures are discouraging mental health providers from accepting Medicaid clients. The practice of retroactively reclaiming payments—often due to minor clerical errors rather than any fraudulent intent—is unjust and unethical.

Mental health professionals should be able to rely on a fair, transparent process, free from contradictory or unreasonable demands. I respectfully request your support for Senate Bill 61 to ensure that OHA's auditing practices do not unfairly penalize providers or create additional barriers to essential care.

Sincerely,

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