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On Behalf Of:
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I am writing on behalf of Shangri-La to express our strong support for Oregon House Bill 3229, which we believe is a critical step towards providing improved access to behavioral health services across Oregon. Oregon HB 3229 will streamline systems allowing quicker access to services for the most vulnerable citizens in our communities.

Our organization, which has been actively involved in providing behavioral health services through two Outpatient Mental Health Clinics and in developing Residential Training Homes (RTH) for individuals with Serious Mental Illness in Marion, Linn, Benton and Lane Counties have witnessed firsthand the challenges faced by the delays in credentialing. The inability to bill for the services being provided in a new RTH until the DMAP is received, the delay in credentialing for qualified staff, and the drain on current resources due to the inability for clinicians to see clients for an extended time. System improvements are necessary for continued sustainability of behavioral health services in Oregon.

We urge you to support House Bill 3229 and advocate for its passage. Together, we can create a more equitable and sustainable future for all Oregonians. Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your continued dedication to our state.