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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2029

Dear Chairman Nosse and Members of the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care:

My name is Taunya Gesner and I am an LPC. I am a therapist in Multnomah County area of Oregon and have been practicing for 5 years.

I am writing this letter in support of HB2029. Insurance audits are abusive and unfair and limit access to care to the people of Oregon. Please help stop this practice. They are really more about recuperating funds for the insurer than they are actually looking out for the interests of the client. Therapists are frequently not taking insurance and trying to work from cash only basis (which only benefits clients who can afford that and leaves those who financially struggling behind) because they cannot afford to have money taken out for what are often arbitrary reasons - to unreasonable periods of time. Working with counselors to ensure standards are being met is of course acceptable, but having audits as a financial tool to strip us of earned income is not the way to achieve this goal.

Thank you for supporting this bill.

Sincerely

Your name.