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RE: Support for HB 2029 – Protecting Mental Health Professionals

Dear Members of the Oregon State Legislature,

I strongly support HB 2029, which safeguards mental health professionals from bad-faith licensing board complaints. As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in Oregon, I have seen how these complaints can be misused to intimidate providers, increasing burnout and limiting access to care.

This bill ensures that accountability remains intact while preventing harassment that drains resources and deters qualified clinicians from practice. With Oregon facing a mental health provider shortage, protecting ethical professionals is essential to maintaining services for those in need.

I urge you to pass HB 2029 to support both providers and the communities they serve. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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