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My name is Carly Henderson and I am a mental health provider in the State of Oregon. I fully support this bill.

I consider it my ethical duty to accept health insurance in order to support Oregonians' access to mental health care. However, I work in fear of unfair practices by for-profit insurance companies and, like many of my colleagues, am considering reducing the number of insurance companies with whom I work. Insurance companies deny necessary patient care, provide unclear expectations to providers, and reward us with aggressive and hostile audits. This environment ultimately reduces patient access to care, while causing significant anxiety to providers. I hope that Oregon will be a leader in both patient and health provider advocacy. Thank you.