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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 Annie Zenn and I am a Licensed Professional Counselor in Clackamas County, Oregon. I have been practicing for 7 years and 100% of my clients use insurance to pay for their counseling sessions. 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.

I know of countless therapists who refuse to accept insurance due to the fear of audits, and the abuse they face from insurance companies. I myself have considered not accepting insurance for the same reasons. In the end it is the clients who suffer due to not being able to find an in-network provider. We must protect mental health providers from the harmful practices of insurance companies, so that therapists can continue providing life saving care to their clients without fear of financial repercussions.

Thank you for supporting this bill.

Sincerely,
Annie Zenn, LPC