

Submitter: Magdalena Avila Echenique
On Behalf Of: Clients and Therapists
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 Magdalena Avila Echenique, Psy. M and I am a Licensed Professional Counselor in private practice in the state of Oregon since 2022. As someone who provides care to clients—many of whom have experienced complex trauma, systemic oppression, and marginalization—I deeply appreciate efforts to protect healthcare providers like myself from the financial and emotional burden of health insurance audits and recoupments. In my years of practice, I have dedicated myself to providing essential mental health services to individuals, especially Hispanic-Latine and Spanish speakers in the community. However, the constant threat of insurance audits has created significant emotional and financial stress, concerns, and barriers in my daily practice. I am writing to express my strong support of HB2029. Insurance audits are abusive and unfair and limit access to care to the people of Oregon. Please help stop this practice.

Thank you very much for your consideration of a bill that would protect us as therapists from these sorts of audits - and, more importantly, give the people of Oregon the full access to a large panel of therapists, untroubled by worries about audits.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,

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