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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2016

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

My name is Danette Buchanan. I am an LPC in Beaverton, Oregon, and I have been practicing there since 2014.

I am writing this letter in support of HB2016. Currently the listing of disciplinary actions by our Board, in perpetuity, is out of step with most other states, and is excessively punitive and damaging to the reputations of counselors who have satisfied the disciplinary orders of the Board. In addition to protecting the public from counselors who have committed egregious offenses, the Board also needs to consider the well-being of a community of earnest helpers dedicated to serving many of Oregon's most vulnerable populations.

In 2016, I was reprimanded for requesting a background check on a client without client consent. I took full responsibility for my actions and made it right. However, I do not view it as an egregious offense. Having my name on the disciplinary list for nine years has been very painful and has subjected me to public shaming. I support limiting the time period for which disciplined licensees are publicly listed by severity of disciplinary action.

Thank you for supporting this bill.

Sincerely

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