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On Behalf Of:
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My name is Madison Unsworth and I am a Licensed Professional Counselor in Portland,

Oregon. I am writing to ask you to pass HB2455.

Please know that while Oregonians are in desperate need of mental health care, many qualified clinicians are leaving insurance panels or not even trying to get on them due to the fear, anxiety, and lack of transparency regarding all aspects of billing, documentation, and audits. Considering many of us are micro business owners, a clawback from an insurance audit would devastate us financially. All clinicians should know exactly what insurance companies expect in regards to billing codes, documentation standards, and treatment guidelines. As a professional, I strive for accuracy, transparency, and clarity in record keeping. Insurance companies should be held to a similar standard, and limits should be placed on audits so that providers do not have to live in fear by simply taking insurance. Passing this bill will increase access to care in our state.

Thank you.