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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2029

Dear Chair Nosse and Members of the Committee,

I am a psychotherapist practicing in Portland, and a member of the Western Oregon Mental Health Alliance (WOMHA). I am writing in support of HB 2029 because health insurance audits and clawbacks place significant burden on behavioral health providers, which creates downstream negative effects on Oregonians who need behavioral health care. Current Oregon law allows insurers too much leeway and significantly disadvantages solo behavioral health providers and small practices. The threat of clawbacks or delays in reimbursements causes tremendous stress for private practitioners working to serve their clients. HB 2029 makes sensible reforms to the law that will support behavioral health providers who want to take insurance and increase access to behavioral health care for all Oregonians. Please vote YES on HB2029!