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Bill of Rights

Dear Chair Nosse, and Members of the Committee, My name is Marc Andrews, and I am a licensed clinical social worker and a proud member of WOMHA. I am writing in strong support of HB 2029, The Provider Bill of Rights.

As a mental health provider, I see firsthand the challenges that professionals in our field face—ranging from administrative burdens and inadequate reimbursement rates to unfair labor practices. HB 2029 is a necessary step toward ensuring that mental health providers receive the respect, protections, and equitable treatment we need to continue serving our communities effectively. By passing this bill, Oregon will take a critical step in strengthening its mental health workforce, ultimately benefiting both providers and the individuals we serve. I urge you to support HB 2029 and advocate for policies that promote provider well-being and sustainability in our field.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Sincerely,
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