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On Behalf Of:

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 Lesley Arle PMHNP and I am a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner

I am a Psych Nurse Practitioner in Salem and Portland areas of Oregon and have been practicing for 21 years.

I am writing this letter in support of HB2029.

Insurance audits, as they have been carried out by several insurers in Oregon, are often abusive and unfair with thousands of dollars being clawed back from Mental Health providers after they have provided services and been paid. These unfair audits are leading to early retirement of providers, especially those who are targeted, and shifts in the workforce patterns to reduce access to Psychiatric and Mental Health care to the people of Oregon. Please help improve, and make fair, the way these audits are conducted - to match the parameters of the bill that has been proposed. It is fair to insurance and more fair to providers.

Thank you for supporting this critically important bill.

Sincerely,

Lesley Arle PMHNP