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

I am writing in support of HB2029. I am a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Certified Clinical Sexual Offense Therapist who has been working with kids, adolescents, families and adults in Washington County for 20 years. I currently accept commercial insurance as well as Care Oregon as I believe in access to care, and that people should be able to use the insurance they are often paying for in order to access mental health care. However I have many colleagues who are not willing to take insurance, in part because of the risk of audits and clawbacks. This possibility is in the back of my mind every day, with every assessment and clinical note that I write. Most clinicians are doing their best to document well while providing good clinical care, and the current system, which leads to fear of financial ruin, is punitive and often an over-reach when statistical sampling is used to assume errors.

Please help set more appropriate limits and guidelines for insurance audits, which will likely improve access to mental health care for Oregonians.

Thank you for supporting this bill.

Sincerely,

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