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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 Sarah Verducci, a Licensed Professional Counselor in Oregon with fifteen years of experience. I am writing to express my strong support for HB2029, which seeks to place necessary limitations on insurance audits.

These audits not only pose challenges to mental health providers but also severely impact patient care. By deterring therapists from accepting insurance, these audits reduce access to essential mental health services. Furthermore, the requirement for therapists to submit detailed client charts over extended periods compromises patient privacy. This invasive practice disproportionately affects those who cannot afford out-of-pocket expenses for mental health services, thus creating a significant equity issue. Individuals relying on insurance are forced to sacrifice their privacy, unlike those who can afford private pay.

I urge you to support HB2029 and help protect the privacy and access to care for all Oregonians, regardless of their financial means.

Thank you for considering this crucial issue.

Sincerely,

Sarah Verducci, LPC