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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 Jamie Barton, LPC. I am a Licensed Professional Therapist in Southern Oregon and have been practicing for fourteen years. For the past five years, I have been seeing clients in my private practice.

I am writing this letter in support of HB2029. Insurance audits can be intrusive to clients and therapists and an attempt to limit services rendered by insurance companies. There are some issues that are not even covered by insurance, such as couple's counseling. Also, when working with families which is more complex and takes greater skill, the reimbursement is oftentimes less than that for working with individuals. The added barrier of an insurance audit deters therapists from being able to provide mental health services and contributes to the already shortage of providers in the State of Oregon.

Please help stop this practice.

Thank you for supporting this bill.

Sincerely,

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