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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2029

My name is Alycia Smith. I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and I own a group practice in Gresham and Troutdale, Oregon. I have been a therapist for nearly 11 years and I've owned my practice for over half of that time. As a group, we strive to provide accessible, quality services; accepting insurance is one of the ways that we reduce barriers to care for our clients.

I am writing to ask you to pass HB 2029.

Partnering with insurance carriers is a critical component of the work we do. We want to have collaborative, effective relationships that allow us to care for our clients thoughtfully and meet the needs of insurance carriers thoroughly. HB 2029 helps us do this. HB 2029 would take the guesswork and the stress out of the audit process and allow us to focus our attention and energy where it really matters: On client care. Thank you for the opportunity to write this letter in support of HB 2029. To protect our clients, support the work we do, and ease the considerable stress of partnering with insurance carriers, I urge you to pass HB 2029. I am grateful for your support.

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