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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health
Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2029

Dear Chair Nosse and Members of the Committee,

I am a licensed clinical social worker practicing in Salem and a member of the Western Oregon Mental Health Alliance (WOMHA). I am writing in support of HB 2029 because health insurance audits and clawbacks place significant burden on behavioral health providers, which creates downstream negative effects on Oregonians who need behavioral health care. Current Oregon law allows insurers too much leeway and significantly disadvantages solo behavioral health providers and small practices. HB 2029 makes sensible reforms to the law that will support behavioral health providers who want to take insurance and increase access to behavioral health care for all Oregonians. Please vote to move HB 2029 forward.

Sincerely,

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