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711 East Main Street, #25
Medford, Oregon 97501

Re: HB 3761 Art Therapy Insurance Reimbursement

To: Representatives Kim Wallen and Pam Marsh

I am writing to express my support of House Bill 3761, which supports art therapist licensure levels and insurance reimbursement. Rogue Retreat is a shelter and supported housing program, and we have seen first-hand the positive impact and art therapist and art as a therapy can have on well-being of the residents and shelter guests we care for. Working together has shown me how beneficial art therapy can be as it helps people process grief and trauma as part of a healing process. We also see this as a modality to help people engage in therapy without the stigmas that are often associated with talk therapy or traditionally clinical models.

It is my hope that you will see the importance of HB3761, which promotes licensure and payment on par with other master's level behavioral health providers. Your support will reduce redundancy of work being completed by multiple licensing boards in Oregon and provide a path for reimbursement for services provided by art therapists. Both of these will lead to improved quality and access to care for Oregonians.

Sincerely,

Sam Engel
Executive Director