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On Behalf Of:

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I am a licensed certified art therapist in the state of Oregon. I am writing in support of the passage of HB 3761 because of the overwhelming evidence that Art Therapy Counseling has been effective in the treatment of trauma, anxiety, and depression when provided by a licensed, trained art therapist in the outpatient setting. As an art therapist working in private practice, I dedicate 50% of my case load to clients utilizing Oregon Medicaid. As a graduate with a Master of Arts degree in Art Therapy Counseling from an accredited program, I was qualified to seek licensure as both an LPC and as a registered art therapist. Even though I am qualified and licensed as both an LPC and LCAT after several years of supervised work in the field, I am unable to bill Medicaid without keeping an LPC license. This means I must pay for two licenses in Oregon on top of my Registered Art Therapist standing nationally. I bill for most of my clients using the CPT codes 90837, 90834, and others often for similar rate as other LPC's, and LCSW's despite often doing complex work treating clients who struggle to heal using traditional talk therapy methods and paying for two licenses in order to bill.

Passing this bill would greatly improve the availability of services to clients utilizing art therapy services in an outpatient setting using Medicaid and Medicare.