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My name is Tiffany Kettermann; I am an LPC and group practice owner in the state of Oregon. Please support HB2016.

The disciplinary process is an important part of protecting the public and one which we depend on. As a group practice owner, I utilize the public listing to ensure that clinical staff that we hire are clear of any ethical issues. However, the length of public posting for minor infractions is excessive, particularly leaving the infraction up on the internet in perpetuity when the licensee has completed all required actions and has long corrected the behavior. There simply is not a need for this, except to potentially harm and humiliate the licensee for decades.

Its particularly egregious that harm is coming to some licensees by the way in which the infractions are posted by OBLPCT, which attaches another licensees disciplinary action to some other licensees infraction. This means that people are showing in internet searches attached to serious disciplinary actions when they were involved in minor infractions. If OBLPCT holds that they cannot change or stop this, then the fair and just thing to do is clearly to remove the minor infractions to avoid the harm that comes to licensees when their name is attached to serious infractions that they did not commit.

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Thank you.

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