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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB951

Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 951
Oregon State Legislature

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Kirstie Allery, and I am a proud resident of Oregon, and a registered nurse. I am writing today to express my strong support for Senate Bill 951.

As a nurse, I see how corporate influence in healthcare — from appointment time limits to unnecessary prior authorizations — hurts both patients and providers. It is unreasonable to fit complex, vulnerable human beings into rigid schedules that were designed not by medical professionals, but by corporations focused on profits. These time constraints force us to rush through care, leaving patients feeling unheard and providers feeling helpless.

Prior authorizations are another barrier that puts corporate bureaucracy between patients and the care they urgently need. Too often, patients are waiting days, sometimes weeks, for approval of tests, treatments, or medications that their doctors know they need now. In some cases, those delays have devastating consequences. Healthcare decisions should be made by clinicians and patients — not dictated by insurance companies and corporations. SB 951 is a necessary step toward putting the focus back where it belongs: on safe, compassionate, timely care.

Please stand with healthcare workers like me, and with the patients we serve. I urge you to pass Senate Bill 951.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kirstie Allery